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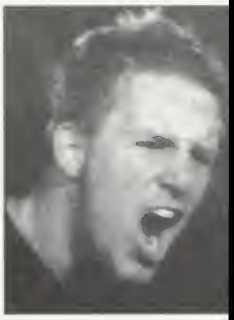

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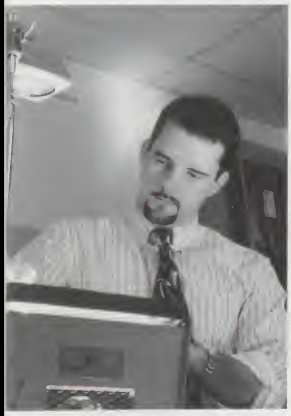

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Clockwise From Top: Seniors **Nicole Voges, Suzanne Wango, Jennifer Kanta,** and **Angela Kozup** talk to a police officer about the cancelation of Activities Night during Homecoming week. The Pantherettes make a number one during practice over summer vacation. This was the first year the Pantherettes had to go to Highland High School for practice. **Scott Fech,** French, puts vocabulary words on the overhead projector for students to copy. Fech started J'ecrire this year, which means "I write."

Once in a Lifetime

As the doors of GHS opened to the last school year of the millennium, many of the 962 students attending didn't know what to expect. With new students, new teachers and a reconstructed administration, who knew what could happen. After the first week of school, many changes had already taken place. For the first time ever, Griffith took on a female principal, Linda Einsele, who replaced Samuel Cox after 24 years while Donald Joson and Jeff Kubaszyk served as assistant principals.

With a new administration came stricter enforcement of some policies. Students found they could no longer buy cookies from the DECA room, wear anything that violated the dress code, or be late to class without the possibility of getting a Saturday school.

Although there were some restrictions placed on students, the school was also opened up in many ways. For the first time since 1983, the courtyard became an option for students who wished to eat lunch outside. The computer lab was available to students and the community after school two nights a week in the school library, and support groups were started to help students deal with their problems.

Straying from tradition, Homecoming's Activities Night, which is usually held on a Thursday, was canceled due to rain and was replaced by an Activities Day Friday during the school day.

Corporal Marlene Starcevich took over the Students Against Driving Drunk organization and for the first time SADD staged an act with the Grim Reaper for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 26-30 and held a convocation in the auditorium before Christmas about drinking and driving.

With so many new things going on in the school and all around it, the year promised to be filled with challenges, changes, and plenty of opportunities for achievement. No one really knew what could happen, only that the year would be filled with many *Once in a Lifetime* experiences.

-Nicole Voges

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Cheering her team to a victory, senior **Stacy Buckner** watches a football game. Buckner has been a Pantherette for three years, performing at half time of both football and basketball games.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Tooting their horns, sophomores **Adam McCarter** and **Ryan Horn** and seniors **Brian Betts** and **Justin Seat** practice during the summer in Highland. "It would have been nice if we would have been able to practice at Griffith," said senior **Shaun Doyle,** drum major, "but conflicting schedules prevented that."

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Touching up their make-up, seniors **Kerstin Nagy** and **Nichole Poskonka** enjoy the rest of lunch. "It was so much more peaceful to eat in the courtyard than the overcrowded cafeteria," said Nagy.

Putting up a sign for her locker buddy, junior **Vanessa Hooper** decorates senior **Patrick Fuentes'** locker before the Hobart game. Hooper has been in Booster Club for three years and has decorated a locker for two years.

Participating in spirit week, seniors **Jennifer Ranta, Jacqueline Rousseau,** and **Traci Duncan** dress up for 80's day. "I'm not afraid to be different, or look like a punk rocker," said Duncan. "You only live once."

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And You May Find Yourself...

...at the SADD presentation

"It was very tear-jerking," said sophomore ***Selena Saldana****. "The presentation was so personal. I was picturing it happening with my friends."*

...at Activities Day

"It was the most exciting school activity I've ever participated in," said senior ***Brian Batanic****.*

...in the computer lab

"I worked in the computer lab after school so I'd actually get my paper done," said junior ***Victoria Anderson****. "It was easier it do it at the school after school."*

Looking out on the field, junior **Nicholas Crawford** watches his teams defeat. The Griffith Panthers lost in regionals to the Plymouth Rockies. "I can't believe it's over," said Crawford. "We worked so hard during practice, watching films and hoping it would pay off. It's a season to remember."

Photo by Tony Papa

Living it Up

New faces, new experiences, and a new atmosphere were all things embraced by the Griffith High School student body as they headed back to school in the fall of 1998.

Dealing with a somewhat disturbed Homecoming Week, an earlier Turnabout, and some new and revised rules left some students stressed out. In the midst of all of the activities, students searched for ways to budget their time and preserve relationships, while a new administration worked to establish law and order in the school.

While school was stressful for some, weekends proved to be an escape for nearly everyone. Whether it was heading to the local bowling alley, Round the Clock , Showplace 16, or just to a friends house to hang out, most students found the weekend to be a time to relax.

Between school, work, and other activities, students found that they could experience many things that would stick with them for a lifetime. *-Nicole Voges*

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Waiting to receive his schedule, junior Justin Abright fills out a check to register for school. Seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshman all registered on different days.

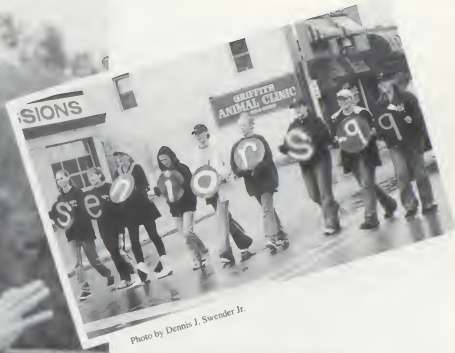
Timeline

First day of school
August 25

Homecoming
October 2

November 20,21,22
Fall Musical

Turnabout
December 5



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Strutting their stuff, seniors Christine Woemer, Melissa Steapleton, Suzanne Wargo, Bridgette Wayo, Sara Grudzien, Jennifer Ranta, Lori Mills, Traci Duncan, and Marisa Garibay walk down Broad Street in the rain for the Homecoming Parade.

Going for the win, senior Katy Schmel tries to stop sophomore Juliann Gajewski during the powder puff football game at Activities Day.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Having The Time Of Your Life

...at Turnabout

"After Turnabout we went to the House of Kobe and the chef set himself on fire," said sophomore ***Sarah Handley****. "He just poured oil on his apron and lit a match."*

...over summer vacation

"My family and I went to Las Vegas for the summer and we were at Caesar's Palace," said junior ***Beth Connell****. "My sister and I were singing Karaoke and we got lost from our parents. We walked all over the hotel and finally found them two hours later."*

...over Christmas break

"I went to a concert and on the way home we got into a six car pile-up accident" said senior ***Melisa Smilowski****. "We were in an itsy-bitsy Geo Metro."*

March 18-22
Spring Play

Spring Break
March 29-April 2

May 7
Prom

Graduation
June 11

Being lifted to the top of the pyramid, freshman **Tre Popa** helps lead a cheer. Popa participated in the boys cheerleading competition during Activities Day where the boys cheered for the powderpuff games.

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Photo by Tony Papa

Showing their panther pride, sophomores **Michelle Prewitt** and **Amber Price** decorate downtown Griffith Booster Club members painted town windows for homecoming to show school spirit.

Letting the town of Griffith know how much spirit he has, senior **Jason O'Donnell** stands on his car in the parade. O'Donnell has decorated his car for two years, and it served as class car both times.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Dominant defensive lineman Sarah Bacan makes merry in the end zone during the junior/senior powder puff football game. Bacan helped lead the juniors to victory in the game.

Court members pose for their traditional picture in the courtyard. They were selected by the senior class and the King and Queen were chosen by the whole school.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Homecoming.... did you know?

~Griffith has not lost Homecoming in 7 years.~

~"Activities Night" became "Activities Day."~

~30 people attended the dance.~

~Juniors won Spirit Week.~

~Shaving cream fights were a popular activity.~

~Halls were decorated for the first time.~

~It has rained on Homecoming 2 years in a row.~

Rain Rain Go away

Homecoming week started out warm and cozy but ended up cold and wet. Students came to school on Monday in their pajamas to kick off spirit week. At the game blankets, winter coats, and umbrellas were common sights.

The rain came down hard on Wednesday, canceling Activities Night, despite the effort of students to keep it on. Through the effort of Student Council, Activities Night was rescheduled for Friday during sixth and seventh hours.

"Activities night definitely didn't turn out as planned," said junior **Diana Ballas**, Student Council president. "But with some quick thinking we managed to handle it pretty well."

Also due to the inclement weather, the band and Pantherettes were missing from the parade and the game. The decision not to perform was one not liked by many.

"We were really disappointed that we didn't get to perform," senior **Nicole Voges** said. "It was a whole lot of work for nothing."

The turnout for the football game was good, but as the weather worsened, most fans left at half time. Some loyal fans, such as junior **Vanessa Hooper**, did not let the weather bother them.

"I stayed the whole game," Hooper said. "I don't think the weather should matter, people should stay anyway."

Despite the weather, students and faculty still came together to make things work for Homecoming and Spirit Week.

-Amanda Grcevich

Decorating the halls for the homecoming hall decorating competition, freshmen **Craig Van Gorp** and **Lauren Chappell** sit back and cut out decorations. The juniors won the first ever hall decorating contest.

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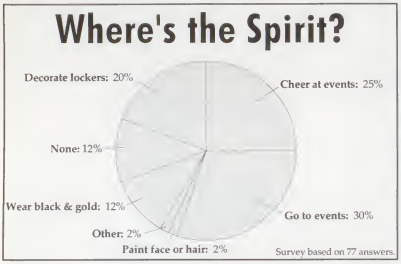

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It's Friday. That means another football (or basketball) game. That also means black and gold decorations on the lockers and students decked out in their favorite GHS attire. As you scan the hallways, though, on any given Friday you will find that not everyone is participating.

"I don't feel like doing things for school," said junior **Matt Rusch** who is one of those people.

Although many students have next to no school spirit there are more people who do. Students like junior **Mirjana Vlahovic**.

"I'm really proud of our football team," said Vlahovic.

Decorating lockers, making posters and performing are ways the Pantheretes show school spirit.

When you think of school spirit you probably think of senior **Jason O'Donnell**. He's been seen leading the Panther Pit, driving around in his panther-car, and running around as the 'G-Man.'

"It's fun. I like dressing up and acting all crazy," said O'Donnell.

School spirit may not have been as big as it could have been, but that didn't stop the avid supporters of GHS, who continued to decorate and dress up for our athletes. *-Eric Salczynski*

Spirito de la Escuela

Holding back at a football game, sophomores **Daniel Riordan** and senior **Kyle Plesniak** display their signs. Riordan and Plesniak made signs for all but two games. "We did it to support the team," said Riordan.

Getting the crowd involved, senior **Kristy Florey** holds up a fan sign. Florey was one of two people who acted as the mouth. "I don't know why I tried out. I just thought it would be fun."

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Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Eddie Covarrubias

Cheerman the boys' basketball team, juniors **Nick Crawford** and **Jason LeBata** observe the action of a home game versus Lake Station. "I'm a dedicated fan," said LeBata, who went to every game.

The 1998 Panthers unite on the field for the last time during the final seconds of the fourth quarter. The Sectional Championship team's final record was 9–4.

Plunging off the rocky cliffs, junior **Lisa Skura** finds time aside from helping others to enjoy herself. Skura went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with her church youth group.

Photo by Chris McCormick

Photo by Jenny Dalach

Photo by Scott Fech

Taking a scenic cruise down the Seine River, senior **Shaun Doyle** and junior **Victoria Anderson** enjoy some free time while in Paris. "It was a really great experience," said Doyle. "It was the first time I had ever been out of the country and I could do it again I would."

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Fall in the Hoosier Hills, senior **Elizabeth Wilson** and freshman **Heather Cline** paint a run-down cottage. Wilson and Cline renovated [illegible] houses for First United Methodist Church of Griffith. The work camp was held at Epworth Forest, North Webster, Indiana.

Making sure everything is secure, sophomore **Paul Dalach** fastens his harness just before climbing the Rocky Mountains for the first time. Dalach visited Colorado with his family during the summer.

Kicking back after a volleyball match at a journalism camp at Ball State, juniors **Amanda Hecht** and **Eric Salczynski** take a break. "Photo editors had the privilege of working with professional photographers," said senior **Dennis J. Swender Jr.**

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Fondest Memories

"I met girls from New York when I was getting knocked over by waves in the ocean. I went there for a summer baseball tournament."

-senior Ian Flores

"The best thing I did was ride the Tower Of Terror when I visited Disney World. It was better than the Giant Drop."

-junior Kandis Knight

Distant Opportunities

Family vacations are what most students are familiar with. However, many students traveled their own distances this

In June, **Scott Fech,** French, and 32 of his students toured various parts of France. Students had been fund raising throughout the school year to help out with the cost. Students visited many tourist attractions during their stay in France where they found things cost more there than to the United States.

"A Big Mac was 40 francs, which is eight U.S. dollars," said junior **Matt Thon**.

Through donations and church funding, senior **Rachael Nichols** went with The First Christian Church of Dyer's church youth group earned their way to Bainbridge, New York to help needy areas by painting houses and building decks.

"I thought that it was really cool how a bunch of students came together from the U.S. and Canada for one purpose, to help those in need," said Nichols.

York Beach Maine is senior **Jacqueline Rousseau's** favorite place to be during the summer.

"It's relaxing to have the beach a block away," said Rousseau, who stays at her grandmother's cottage.

-Sara Grudzien

For the first time in two years, the elementary schools of Griffith refused to allow the elementary students to view the fall musical.

According to junior **Madelyn Moore**, who played "Betsy" and a Fandango Hostess, the play was canceled because the schools believed that the show would affect the morals of the elementary students.

"I completely disagree. We would have cut out the worst parts of the show," said Moore.

A drawback to the musical was the large cast. For senior **Jennifer Huesken** the hardest thing was trying to teach traditions to the new members and keep them in line.

Nevertheless, Huesken and the rest of the cast enjoyed their time together.

"Even though it was hard and took a lot of time and effort, we became a cast," said Huesken. "We stood by each other when times got tough. We supported each other when our spirits were down. We made each other laugh and we made each other cry. Together we made memories." *-Eric Salczynski*

Children Not Admitted

Sweet Charity Superlatives

Best Actor/Actress-
Jason Tomcsi/Sarah Kagel
Best Supporting Actor/ Actress-
Mike Cservenak/Diana Ballas
Best Actor With a Walk on Role-
Jason Lundquist/Krysten Fane
Most Improved-
Chuck Lau/Carey Baccino
Best Attitude-
Scott Negrete/Amanda Nichols
Outstanding Band Members-
Ian Watkun/Dale Rudzinski/
Nikki Dimovski/Kyle Plesniak/
Nina Federenko/Laura Huber
Outstanding Crew Members-
Matthew Najar/Daniel Vessell/
Justin Falk/Craig Van Gorp
Outstanding Make-Up Artist-
Sarah Jansen/Rebecca Amos

Directing the actors, Gerry Spejewski instructs senior Sarah Kagel and the rest of the cast on what to do during the crowd scene. Kagel starred in the title role of Chanty.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Moving the elevator uses in the elevator scene, junior **Everett Mul** moves the mouses. Mul was one of the crew members. "It was hard to move the sets with limited light and space," said Mul.

Practicing the Rhythm of Life dance, juniors **Lisa Skura, Mirjana Vlahovic, Madelyn Moore, Christina Govert, Julie Newman** and sophomore **Amanda Nichols** strut their stuff. "The dance involved the whole cast and was hard to learn," said Newman.

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Dancing together in the Frug dance, junior **Chuck Lau** and sophomore **Elizabeth Guzeman** take center stage. Lau, who also starred as Herman, is a veteran thespian at Griffith, but this was Guzeman's first play.

For most of us, adjusting to a new schedule every semester is difficult. But what about adjusting to a new home, city, and job? That's what was in store for some of the new teachers, coaches, and administrators.

Nancy Branyan, science, said she was glad to return to northwest Indiana, which had been her home for most of her life.

"My previous school was rural," Branyan said. "Griffith is urban, so the hardest thing is the traffic and snow. There was never a traffic jam in Henry County."

The new baseball coach, **Brian Jennings**, English, said he didn't feel pressure here.

"Coach Iwema did a great job," Jennings said, "but I feel pressure is what a person puts on themselves. I try not to do that."

Jennings said he looked forward to being successful and taking Griffith to a new level.-*Susan Huss*

Same School, New Faces

Photo by Annie Hecht

Taking to **Margie Keithley**, consumer sciences, **Mary Tomsci**, consumer sciences, asks Keithley a question about the lesson plan. Tomsci took over Child Development 2 after Keithey taught Child Development 1.

Checking things out, principal **Linda Einsele** talks to **Luann Morgan**, the new cheerleading sponsor, and **Wilma Kaeper**, squad mom, before a football game. Einsele was formerly the principal at Lake Central Freshman Center.

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Instructional aide Mary Zubrenic, Brian Jennings, English, conducts a team. Jennings also runs the baseball team. "I transferred here because the athletic director of the top schools in the state and I wanted an opportunity to take on a challenge."

Looking over his class, Eric Schreiber, social science, makes sure all are on track on their assignments. Schreiber, who started teaching last year, graduated from Griffith High School in 1982.

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During her daily task, Sherry Kayden, attendance secretary, enters names in her computer. Kayden, who worked at Munster before, said, "I've always lived in Griffith and always wanted to work here."

Looking over the new system, **Wayne Eichensehr** and **Les Curnow**, maintenance, fix the new cameras. This was the first year that Griffith had security cameras in the high school.

Sorting out documents, **Brenda Price**, school treasurer, looks over some papers. Price, who was originally the guidance secretary, now serves as a secretary in the main office and has worked at Griffith for eight years.

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Staff Members

Susan Brown - Secretary
Brenda Price - Secretary
Sheree Kayden - Attendance Secretary
Kim Vessell - Guidance Secretary
Nancy Weaver - A.V. Secretary
Les Curnow - Maintenance
Sharon Beam - Custodian
James Bratcher - Maintenance
Jerry Brown - Maintenance
Wayne Eichensehr - Maintenance
Veonda Gerber - Custodian
James Jolink - Maintenance
Jane Korzeniewski - Custodian
Jim Messmer - Maintenance
Linda Rahmstorf - Custodian
Ron Reid - Custodian
Jacqueline Smith - Custodian
Carol Stammis - Laundry
Harry Stolte - Custodian
Jill Vido - Custodian
Cecil Wright - Custodian
Carol Baessler - Bus Driver
Margaret Blahunka - Bus Driver
Eva Darty - Bus Driver
Suzanne Fisher - Bus Driver
Carolyn Hayes - Bus Driver
Henry Magiera - Bus Driver
Diane Spillman - Bus Driver
Tracie Thompson - Bus Driver
Andi Wright - Bus Driver

While there are many teachers and administrators in Griffith, there is also a group of people who go largely unnoticed. These are the people that clean the cafeteria, empty the trash, sweep the halls, fix the air conditioners and generally make the school a better place to be.

Many of these employees like working because of the wide array of personalities they get to encounter.

"I enjoy working at the school because I get to interact with all the children," said **Cecil Wright**, custodian. "I also enjoy the people I work with."

Not everyone gets to associate with the students, though. Some maintenance members can only work before or after school.

"I don't get to meet many of the students because maintenance usually works before and after school," said **James Bratcher**, "but I get to talk about various sports with some of the coaches."

Without these unsung heroes, it would be impossible for the school to function. *-Josh Martin*

Whistle While You Work

Performing his duties, Officer **Greg Stevens** talks to some students about the offensive language displayed on their windshield. Stevens took the place of Marlene Starcevich who was promoted to corporal.

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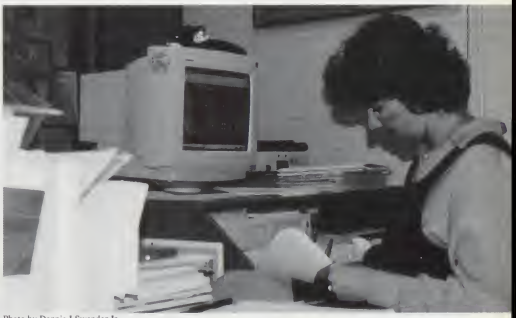

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Mopping the floor of the DECA room, **Jacqueline Smith** and **Linda Rahmstorf**, custodians, help the students clean up the water. The DECA room flooded at the start of school as a result of a faulty air conditioner.

Working at her computer, **Kim Vessell** proofreads and edits grades for the semester. As guidance secretary, it was Vessell's job to put all the students' grades into the computer.

Dangerous On The Dance Floor

Who am I going to ask? When should I ask them? How should I ask them? These are just a few of the exciting and stressful questions that ran through many girls' minds as Turnabout came closer.

On December 5,1998, many students piled into limos and cars and headed to St. George's Greek Orthodox Church for a night full of fun and dancing. The students weren't the only ones who enjoyed themselves that night.

"The best part of the evening was seeing Mrs. Einsele getting down on the dance floor," said freshman **Danielle Trueblood**. "I never thought I'd see that."

Some people thought the night was flawless. That wasn't the case for everyone though.

"I was walking up the stairs before the dance and I ripped the bottom of my dress," said sophomore **Kelly Gerdes**. "but I didn't let it ruin my evening."

No matter the circumstances, most students enjoyed themselves and made memories that will stick with them for a lifetime.

-Brandi Harveth

Photo by Annie Hecht

Juniors **Shelly Hively** and **Melissa Ryan** dance together at Turnabout. Ryan attended the dance with junior **Kyle Anderson** from Lake Central. The theme of this year's Turnabout was "I'be Yours."

Senior **Jamie Kunkemoeller**, juniors **Jessica Santos, Christina Lopez**, and freshman **Vanessa Martinez** get down on the dance floor. For the first time ever, Turnabout was held in December instead of February.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Sophomores **Carrie Petroski, Nikki Geffert** and **Omar Gonzalez** dance at Griffith's annual Turnabout. Petroski and Geffert rode to Turnabout together in their limo. The two live across across the street from each other and are best friends.

Seniors **Sarah Kagel** and **Sarah Jansen** get their hair done at Patricia Sims' house before Turnabout. Mrs. Sims has two daughters at Griffith High School, freshman Laura and junior Pamela.

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Photo by Annie Hecht

Dancing to a slow song, sophomore **Elizabeth Guzman** and freshman **Adam Brownfield** enjoy a dance together. The Turnabout prince and princess were sophomores Jason Alexander and Selena Saldana.

Completing an order, junior **Erica Quiroz** gives a customer his change. Many students found it necessary to take on a part-time job in order to pay for automobiles and their upkeep.

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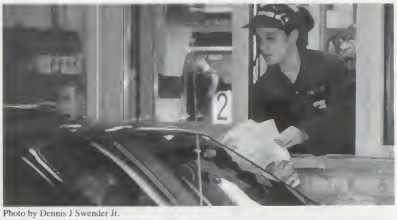
Taking a break, seniors **Chris Romero** and **Ian Wotkun** find some time to talk. "Whenever business is slow, we can pretty much do whatever we want," said Wotkun.

Loading a shopping cart, senior **Kristen Wilczynski** prepares to carry out some groceries. "I like working [at Strack and Van Till] because I get a steady suppy of money, but sometimes it's difficult to put up with the managers," said Wilczynski.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Serving a customer, senior **Amy Hamew** checks the register for the total. "One of the things I like about working at Boz's, is that I'm able to do my homework there instead of having to wait until I get home," she said.

Handing a customer their food, junior **Tani Werner** works at the drive-thru window at Wendy's. In addition to purchasing cars, many students also got jobs just so they would have extra money in their pockets.



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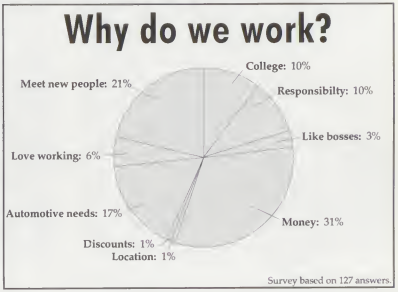

We're in The Money

Besides the seven hours that students spent at school and the other two to three hours at home for homework, some actually had enough energy left for a job.

Many students who had a job worked at places where there were benefits offered. Many businesses gave their employees special rebates on items.

"I get discounts on clothes and working allows me to interact with different people," said junior **Kandis Knight**. "My job takes away from my free time, though."

Some students chose to work for other reasons. A few even chose to give their hard-earned cash to respectable charities.

"I donate some of my money to the humane society," said sophomore **Rodrigo Gomez**. "I enjoy helping all the cute puppies."

Regardless of what the money went towards, more students had jobs. As a result, many students found that they had to work harder in order to keep their job while maintaining their school work. *-Josh Martin and Jessica Everhart*

Sipping coffee at the Foggy Bottom, seniors Rachel Nichols and Megan Clarke enjoy the band playing in the background. Nichols and Clarke go to the Foggy Bottom every month.

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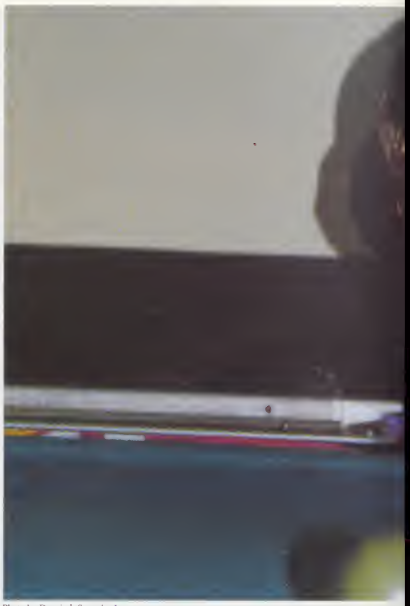
Lining up a shot at Standard Bowling, sophomore Elliot Miller prepares to hit the seventh. Miller is not a pool shark, however he does enjoy playing a game or two every once in awhile.



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Weekend Info

~25% spend time with their significant other.~

~10% spend time with their family.~

~54% hang out at a friends house.~

~37% go to the movies.~

~19% play or practice a sport.~

~17% got to a sporting event.~

~10% go bowling.~

~12% do nothing.~

~12% go out to eat.~

~12% work.~

~8% go shopping.~

Survey based on 54 students.

It's 8:30 on any Sunday morning and junior **Pamela Sims** is waking up to get ready for church. She's been the organ player for a Lutheran church in Hammond for two weeks.

"It's hard to get up, because I stay out late on Saturday, but I like it. The people are nice and I get paid $35 an hour," said Sims.

Living a little more dangerously, senior **Stephanie Martin** goes off-roading in her spare time.

"It's interesting because I haven't died yet," said Martin, who has been off-roading for about eight months. "I have to be careful not to get stuck."

The weekend isn't fun and games for everyone though. For junior **David Moore**, it's hard work. Moore works two jobs to get money for a better car; one at Pacific Sunwear as a salesperson and another at Jackson Hewitt as a page.

Whether the weekend is spent working or enjoying themselves, the weekend is still the weekend and no one can take that away.

-Eric Salczynski

Weekend Warriors

Shooting pool is junior **Erin Gervais** while waiting for some French toast. Gervais spends her weekends dancing, working and hanging out with her friends.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Chowing down at Pizza Hut in Griffith, senior **Rebecca Amos** hangs out with some of the yearbook staff after going bowling. Amos spends her weekends with her boyfriend or at work.

Taking a break from the week, senior **Dennis J. Swender Jr.** relaxes at the church with the youth counselors. The three have been friends for four years. "They have been there for me through all the hard times that life brings," said Swender.

Strolling down the hallway together, seniors **Angela Krsak** and **Clinton Konopasek** prepare to leave school. "The best thing is that he is like a best friend," Krsak said. "I can tell him anything and he always listens and tries to help."

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

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Joking around before school, seniors **Nicole Huber** and **Amanda Jennings** prepare for class. Huber and Jennings had been best friends since fifth grade. "She[Nicole] always does crazy things."

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Partaking in shenanigans, seniors **Gina Menchaca** and **Eddie Covarrubias** have a blast during the shaving cream fight after the cancelation of activities night. Menchaca and Covarrubias had been friends since seventh grade.

Laughing at a fellow youth group member, sophomore **David Haldi** and freshman **Nikki Love** take a break at a Super Bow party. Haldi and Love met at their youth group.

Sitting on the leage, seniors **Stacy Buckner** and **David Camahan** spend time together before school. Buckner and Camahan had been going out since their sophomore year..

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

And the survey says...

Most important quality in a relationship
~Trust-27%~

Most important quality in a boyfriend/girlfriend
~Sense of humor-31%~

First thing you notice about a girl/guy
~eyes-31%~

Too much time together
~everyday-60%~

Survey based on 84 answers.

Pompotous Of Love

Complicated. Fun. Committed. Hard. Time consuming. Confusing. Interesting. Exciting. Relationships. No matter how experienced or inexperienced people are at them, they always take work.

"Relationships can be good as long as they contain the right elements," sophomore **Michael Jones** said. "For example, trust, honesty, faith, and communication; all of those are important."

Many people find going to school with their significant others can add to the challenge of making a relationship successful, especially in a school as small as GHS.

"Dating someone at the same school has its drawbacks," junior **Lara Gonzalez** said. "If you say something and someone hears it, it gets totally turned around and it can cause fights."

As hard as relationships can be, having a person you know is there for you can make it all worth while.

-Amanda Grcevich

Bringing Christmas cheer, senior **Jimmy Frazier** greets an elderly woman. Frazier played Santa when the creative stitchery class visited the Highland Nursing Home. The class brought stockings they made.

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Gazing at a tree, senior **Patrick Fuentes** and junior **Vanessa Hooper** spend Christmas Eve together. They attended Midnight Mass. It was held at the First United Methodist Church.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

December Holidays

1. *Hanukkah* is also called The Festival of Lights since a candle is lit on a candleholder, called a menorah, every day of the eight-day celebration.

2. Christian Mexicans have a nine-day holiday called *Las Posadas*. They break pinatas full of presents.

3. *Kwanzaa* is a seven-day African holiday that many African-Americans celebrate. Each day, a new candle is lit, representing the seven principles of *Kwanzaa*.

Sleigh bells, snowmen, ornaments, cookies, and snowball fights. To some, these mean more than to others. Whatever the case, students have different ways of celebrating the holidays.

"We all go to my dad's friend's Christmas tree farm and pick out a tree and cut it down," said junior **Cassandra White**. "Then we take it back home and decorate it."

Sophomore **Marie Ritchey** said she enjoyed the holidays by spending time with her extended family.

"My favorite thing was opening presents," Ritchey said. "I got luggage and a camera to take to Spain."

Sophomore **Anthony Potesta** said he displayed his holiday cheer by staying in a good mood.

"I tried not to get upset over things that usually make me angry," Potesta said. "The best thing about Christmas break was spending a lot of time with my girlfriend. We watched TV and babysat her little brothers."

The holidays were a time of family and cheer that everyone celebrated in their own way. *-Susan Huss*

Jingle All The Way

Planting a kiss, senior **Jamaal Bell** gives a wet one to junior **Arianna Hecht**. "I kept asking Miss Brown if a girl was my Secret Santa because I was going to kiss them," Bell said.

Photo by Nicole Voges

Photo by Nicole Voges

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr

Strumming his guitar, senior **Tony Papa** entertains members of Quill and Scroll at their Christmas sing-over. He played in Fat and the Fabulous, the band of the night. Two of its members later formed a band called Parallel Universe.

Giving clues, sophomore **Philip Cade** plays *Guesstures*. Cade was at a New Year's Eve party at senior **Jenny Dalach's** house. Later the party moved to Highland Main Square where the group watched fireworks at midnight.

Can you imagine spending over five hours a week for three years on ice? That's how freshman **Nichole Goodwin** spends her free time. Monday through Wednesday she skates at Orland Park Ice Arena in Orland Park and on Thursday and Friday she skates in St. John. During the school year Goodwin doesn't workout until after school, but during the summer her day starts bright and early at 6:30 am.

Goodwin got started skating because of a friend from St. Louis. One day her friend asked her to come to a lesson and she agreed. Since then her love for skating has grown and she has competed several times.

"It was really fun to compete," said Goodwin who has competed in Vermont and has been asked to skate in Paris.

In the future, Goodwin plans to become a coach to make extra money.

"It would be something that would give me joy and hopefully also [bring joy to] the people I teach," she said.

-Eric Salczynski

I Skate Therefore I Am

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Presenting chain mail to Susan Patnode's first hour English class, senior **Jonathon Huff** explains what a mail coif is. Huff has a friend who makes and sells chainmail.

Photo by Dennis J. Swegler Jr.

Strumming along with sophomore **Phil Cadle**, sophomore **Paul Dalach** teaches him the chords to a song that he made up. Dalach, who has been teaching Cadle for four months, charges $4 for an hour and a half.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Smiling as she waits, senior **Jemai Kennedy** prepares to serve the next customer. Kennedy took fifth place at a quick serve competition and advanced to state. "I was really excited when I won," said Kennedy.

Showing off his unusual talent, acting like a velociraptor, junior **Chuck Lau** hovers over senior **Jamie Kunkemoeler** in sociology class for a pack of gum. Lau discovered his talent one night while he was watching *Quick Wits* on TV.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Stretching out, junior **Erin Gervais** warms up for dance class. Gervais, who has been dancing for 13 years, takes lessons at Jeanne's Dance Academy.

Getting dropped off by freeaways, junior **Elaine Parker** gets a ride from her dad. Parker has her license, but no car, however, when her dad is not using his car, Parker gets to use it.

Stepping off of the big yellow school bus, sophomore **Brandon Addison** prepares for another day of school. Addison rides the bus to and from school everyday. "I don't mind riding the bus, it's not that bad," said Addison.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr

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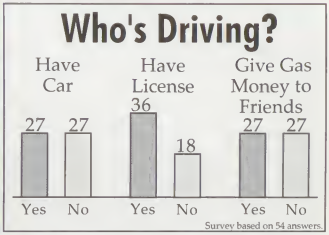
Leading his friends in his car, senior **Jason Angel** shows seniors **Chad Lukas** and **Joe Laviollette** a drum head that he got from a Pantera concert. Ange drives his '89 white Camaro to school almost everyday.

Waiting for a ride, junior **Katie Milligan** looks through her purse. Milligan gets a ride home from school almost everday.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Pulling out of the crowded parking lot, senior **Brian Gilbert** leaves school. Gilbert doesn't like so many kids driving to school. "It should be seniors only," said Gilbert.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.



The constant question, "How am I going to get there?" is something many students ask themselves everyday. Students who don't have their license find they have to rely on parents or friends for transportation.

Walking is something many students find themselves doing. Sophomore **Abigail Greco** usually walks to and from school everyday.

"I feel stupid walking because I have a letterman's jacket, but yet I can't drive," Greco said.

Other students have a license, but not a car to drive. Junior **Adrianna Aguilar** can only drive when her parents' car is available.

"When I can't drive I get a ride from my friends," Aguilar said. "I give them gas money, so they don't mind."

Getting rides with friends is popular among some students. Sophomore **Omar Gonzalez** said once in awhile he gets a ride from a friend.

"If I make a friend go out of their way to take me somewhere then I'll give them gas money," Gonzalez said, "but if I'm just going with them to where they are going then I won't."

Students had to decide either to get a ride from their friends or parents or to walk, but whatever they decided to do, they got were they wanted to be.

-Kellie Sternberg

Getting Around Town

Pumping some iron, sophomore **Victor Sendejas** works out in the weight room. Sendejas works out Mondays and Thursdays after school to condition for the oncoming soccer season.

Toning his biceps, sophomore **Nicholas Planer** works on strengthening his arms, while working out. "We go to soccer conditoning to get stronger to compete with the bigger school," said Planer.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Most Desirable Bodies

1. Matt Damon — Actor
2. Pamela Anderson — Actress
3. Will Smith — Actor/Musician
4. Brad Pitt — Actor
5. Jennifer Love-Hewitt — Actress
6. Scott Steiner — Wrestler
7. Ben Affleck — Actor
8. Buff Bagwell — Wrestler
9. Hulk Hogan — Wrestler
10. Bill Goldberg — Wrestler

How far would you go to have a body like Pamela Anderson or David Hasselhoff? For some students an everyday hard core workout does it for them.

Keeping fit and practicing healthy eating is a goal some students try to maintain.

"I try to stay out and not at home, because when I am at home I just sit around and eat," said junior **Colleen Vechey.**

Students are finding ways to stay trim through classes offered at school, the local gym, or being in sports

"I work out every day in APC (advanced physical conditioning) and I play soccer 2-3 times a week," said Vechey. "I work out after school too when I get a chance."

Sports also provide an opportunity for students to keep themselves in shape.

"I used to work out in my garage, but then football began and now I work out at school," said senior **John Vanek**."I have no lifting plan, I just do what I have to do."

Even though some people are working out to prepare for their college athletic career and some are just keeping fit during the off season of sports,others just strive to tone their bodies to the likeness of their role models.

-Sara Grudzien

Work it

Baby, Work It

Photo by Mari Dixon

As a start to a healthier lifestyle, junior **Kristen Collins** finishes her lunch with eating a salad. "The reason I eat healthy is because I feel more energetic and it improves my life," said Collins.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Photo by Dennis J. Snender Jr.

Dropping hope outside the school, sophomore **Brandon Addison** stays cut. Addison runs track and cross country after school.

Photo by Jeremy E. Martin

With the support, senior **Larry Turner** and his lifting buddy senior **John Varek**, "I work out harder to get ready for college football," said Turner.

Soaping" from off the school, junior **Brooks Smith** slides along a cement wall. Smith has been asked by Solomon, a skate company, to soap for them competitively. "There's no 'why'," said Smith. "I just do."

Lining up the enemy in their sights, sophomore **Christopher Peacock** and junior **Matthew Najar**, take cover in the grass. Peacock has been paintballing for four years.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Joshua Moon

Cuts, bruises, gigantic gashes and profuse bleeding. These are common, but minor setbacks to the extreme athlete.

You might ask yourself, "Why do these people do what they do?" It's different for everyone. Some people do it for the rush that they get, and others do it to relax after a long day.

"Due to the speed and strength of the sport [aggressive skating], it allows me to forget my worries and get rid of tension," said sophomore **John Jensen**.

Extreme sports aren't just aggressive skating and biking, they also include newer sports like paintballing and soaping, which is a new sport that has sprung up in the last two years.

"My friend Zoda, who currently rides for Solomon, got me into the sport," said junior **Brooks Smith**, an avid soaper.

Paintballing is another newer sport that recreates the experience of war in a safe way.

Junior **Matthew Najar** is a paintballer. "It's a fun sport and it's something to do on the weekends that not everyone does," said Najar.

Living on the edge can be exciting and exhilarating, but it's not for everyone.

"Every 30 seconds a teen makes it to the edge, but only a few jump," said BMX biker, junior **Ed Tropp**. "I am one of those few."

-Eric Salczynski

Life on the edge

Trick Names

Frontside-Regular grind with legs shoulder width apart
Royale- Grind with bottom of shoes showing outward
Farvegnugen- Opposite of royale; top of shoes showing outward
Taberknackle- Grind with feet in duck like position
Pretzel- Opposite of Taberknackle
Backslide- Frontside while holding back foot with hand closest to it
Frontslide- Frontside while holding front foot with closest hand to it
Suicide- Backslide but hold front foot with hand further away
Unity- Legs crossed while grinding like a frontside
Cabdriver- Grind with both feet inward
U.F.O.- Grind with both feet outward and spread apart
Disaster- Jump from beginning of rail to farthest part you can and grind

compiled by Brooks Smith

Photo by Tony Papa

Concentrating on kickout his balance, sophomore **Nicholas Kasbohm** grinds in front of the school. Kasbohm, who has been skating for two years, got started when he and some friends got bored and tried some tricks. "I'm into it to have fun and do something different," said Kasbohm.

Photo by Tony Papa

Slowly gaining speed, senior **Nicholas Brownfield** checks the terrain on his snowboard. Brownfield's first snowboarding experience was when he was 10 at Spruce Knob. Up in the sky, Pine Bluff and Pines Bridge are some of his favorite places to snowboard.

Some seniors will go to great lengths to pull off a successful ditch day even through all the obstacles that would come their way. The spring student directed play "Ditch Day" was about some of the difficulties students will go through for just one fun day off.

Sophomore **Selena Saldana** who played Misty, said there is a big task to overcome when you play someone unlike yourself. It shows how well you can act.

"A lot of us had fun exploring different characters," said Saldana. "Some people have parts really different from themselves."

According to senior **Sarah Jansen** (student director) there was a much bigger cast than usual. She said she enjoyed directing because everyone was fun and easy to work with.

"All the actors did well," said Jansen."Everyone tried very hard and it paid off in the end."

Many cast members said the play was close to being accurate, but a little exaggerated when it comes to how students do act.

"It's a good play for students to relate to because we play teenagers," said Saldana." We stay the same age but our characters are different than real life."

-Candice Peters

Taking a day off

Ditch Day Facts

Plot

Nine senior students plan their ditch day. After they go through all the trouble they find out they had the day off for a school holiday.

Dates

Friday, March 19 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 20 7:30 p.m.

Main Characters

Mr. Claypool-John Jensen
Miss Sparrow-Sena Govert
Cliff-Jason Tomcsi
Adeline-Diana Ballas
Becky-Katie LaFayette
Misty-Selena Saldana
Lydia-Erin Gervais
Jane-Vanessa Hooper
Wally-Dan Riordan
Matt-Adam Brownfield
Connie-Suzanne Wargo

Hmmm! The laughs begin when Daniel Riordan calls Sister Last Name, Lynn Vanessa Hooper. Riordan dressed as a girl for his character, Wally. "I hope I added a little laughs by dressing and acting like that," said Riordan.

Photo by Kelli Schoon

Performing in the musical, junior **Madelyn Moore** and **Anamai Hecht** get acquainted during the show. The were the two students that had made the cut in the Witts Campus Lottery. A few weeks later, they were on the stage.

Playing a little jealous, senior **Rebecca Amos** warms up senior **Nickolas Brownfield**. Amos has been rehearsing for the show for a few years. "We have to make partner business stand out because they are hard to see on stage," said Amos.

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Getting psyched up for the performance, senior **Brian Batric** and sophomore **Daniel Riordan** get ready to perform. "Before the show the whole cast would get in a circle and chant the whole 'stay high, to get in the mood,' " said Batric.

Checking out the menu, senior **Tiffany Vuletich** with her date Dwayne Martin discuss what they are going to eat for dinner. "These the first dances I have been to and it was great," said Vuletich.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

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Posing for a photo during Senior hour are **Bonnie Eddy** and **Melissa Hart** while senior **Holly Smolinski** takes their photo. Parents enjoyed taking camera hour to get pictures of their kids.

Sliding around the dance floor, senior **Anthony Washick** gives senior **Ryan Hill** a piggy back ride. Washick carried Hill because his foot was broken.

Photo by Dennis Swender Jr.

Around the moment, juniors **Emily Coddington** and **Colin Banta**, king and queen, dance together during the theme song "Angel." "I was so nervous and excited at the same time," said Coddington.

Junior **Ian Flores** and **Terry Swetky**, freshgirl, have fun on the dance floor. Swetky promised Flores a date in exchange a couple of weeks before prom.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Prom Info

Date,Time,Place
May 7, 1999 7 p.m.
Helenic Center Merrillville

Theme
"In the Arms of an Angel"

Court

King: Colin Banta
Candidates: Josh Banning, Jason LeBata, Matt Sherry, Kevin Waszlo

Queen: Emily Coddington
Candidates: Alison Gatlin, Melissa Hart, Lora Melton, Julie Newman

Dancin' the night away

What do tanning, hair appointments, dress fittings and tuxedo rentals all have in common? These are all many ordinary things students do to get ready for prom night.

Crowds of seniors, juniors, some sophomores and a few freshmen went into the Helenic Center in Merrillville on the night of May 7 with smiles on their faces.

Even though prom is for juniors and seniors, the upperclassmen made the underclassmen feel welcome.

"I didn't really feel weird being there," said sophomore **Jillian Tsirtsis.** "A lot of my friends were there so it was a lot of fun."

Junior **Kyle Alexander** said the best part of prom was seeing everyone getting along and having fun together,

"The dance was fun but I kind of think it's overrated," said Alexander. " I thought the best part was afterwards."

Even though some people were worried about the weather (the predicted rain) or what they were going to do afterward,

The big night is over, but for most the fun isn't. For some this is just the beginning. There were many different places that students chose to go to on Saturday and Sunday, including camping out at Turkey Run or a day at Great America.

A day in the country, walking trails at Turkey Run is how junior **Matt Najar** spent his day after prom.

"The best part of the day was when Derek [Blythe] pushed Lisa [Skura] into the creek," said Najar. "She was totally wet, it was so funny."

Junior **Pamela Sims** spent the whole day, from opening to closing, in the lines of the rides at Great America, along with many other teenagers that chose to go to G.A. that weekend.

"I waited in line to ride the Raging Bull [the newest ride at Great America] for about two hours," said Sims. " It was worth it, though."

While some students chose a peaceful day in the country, others chose the hustle and bustle of a major theme park, but most students said that their weekend was the perfect end to a perfect night.

-Candice Peters

The Fun continues

POPULAR RETREATS
Of Prom Weekenders

Turkey Run
47%
Potato Creek
20%
Great America
16%
Chicago
9%
Waveland Lake
6%
Indiana Beach
2%

Survey of 32 GHS students

Taking a break from activities, seniors Jason Angel, Eric Parsons, Patrick Fuentes, junior Vanessa Hooper, seniors Ian Flores, Sarah Kagel and junior Erin Gervais relax at Turkey Run. Camping was one of the most popular activities of prom goers the day after.

Photo by Sarah Kagel

Photo by Danyel Porter

Camping out at Turkey Run, seniors **Holly Smolinski** and **Katy Schmell** roast some marshmallows in the fire. The two weekend overnighters were with about 20 other people.

Taking a ride through the river, seniors **Anthony Washick** and **Erick Maciejzak** enjoy the sun at Turkey Run. Besides tubing, Washick and Maciejzak also camped overnight and went hiking.

Photo by Danyel Porter

Photo by Amanda Grcevich

Splitting a piece of watermelon the night fire, junior **Anama Hecht** entertains juniors **Ramon Rocha** and **Brandon Fane** at Fort Wallace Park. "Anama wasn't really sick like the sixth-grade person that could chop wood," said Fane. "But she did a good job."

From left, the new seniors, **La' Tesha Adams, Rebecca Amos** and **Mike Andre Jr.** take time out for photos. Amos and Andre are "last-minute" transfers from Alabama. Adams, who was in the gym due to a medical excuse, was in the gym due to a medical excuse.

Photo by Kelli Schoon

Photo by Annie Hecht

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Smiling, senior **Emily Rutledge** is given a flower from **Barbara Deleget**, mom of the senior with symptoms of "the disease." Graduates were given a flower after they got their diploma.

Surveying his last, senior **Matty Jakowski** prepares for the graduating ceremony. "I had butterfly in my stomach," said Jakowski. "It felt like I was at a major disaster." Jakowski, who is studying criminal justice at Northwest, plans to pursue a career in the military.

Photo by Kelli Schoon

Received his diploma, senior **Robert McElmurry** shares laugh with Jim Saunders, theatre director/producer. "I have a lot of fond memories concerning drama," said McElmurry. "I'm going to miss him."

Playing for laughs, senior **Christina Federenko** performs humorous and poignant monologue with the Drama Team. "Graduating feel a bittersweet time for them and me," said Federenko.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Top Ten

Valedictorian - Laura Zagrocki
Salutatorian - Karl Grimmer
3) Natasha Vukovic
4) Sarah Kagel
5) Melissa Steapleton
6) Justin Dimos
7) Dale Rudzinski
8) Carrie Hanchar
9) Jonathon Soverly
10) Jenny Ranta

The Time of our lives

Sad, exciting, scary. These words could be used to describe a high school graduation. Some seniors couldn't wait for graduation, while others were a little apprehensive.

Students like seniors **Patrick Riordan** and **Danyel Porter** are some who were excited for graduation.

"It [graduation] was something else," said Riordan, "I thought that I was going to be sad, but I have lots to look forward to."

"It's exciting," said Porter, "but sad at the same time."

Many memories were made in the past four years of high school. There were so many memorable moments that not one particular one stood out in the mind of Riordan.

"The whole last two years were great and I made lots of friends," said Riordan. "It was choc full of memorable moments."

Graduating high school is a major step in the young lives of students. Ahead is a whole new world full of freedom that could be both exciting and dangerous.

-Eric Salczynski

Clockwise from bottom left: The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree stands in the Channel Gardens for the 66th annual lighting; Major league sluggers Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire embrace after the game in which McGwire hit his record setting 62nd home run; An Iraqi child stands amid the rubble of a U.S. airstrike on Baghdad; Residents of Mobile AL wade through the flood water caused by Hurricane Georges; Kenneth Starr acknowledges applause after testifying in the Clinton impeachment hearings; Scott Brosius, World Series MVP, of the New York Yankees jumps for joy after the Yankees sweep the Padres; Iranian soldiers take part in military exercises near the Afghan border.

August

25 - First day of school. Einsele starts as new principal

September

16-21 - ISTEP Testing

27 - Mark McGwire hits 70 homeruns

28 - Hurricane Georges makes landfall

October

2 - Homecoming

26-30 - Red Ribbon Week

29 - John Glen goes into space

So another year has been swept under the rug of time. We've grown another year older and wiser. We've experienced highs and lows and shed tears of joy and also of sadness. Some of us will move on and experience greater things while the rest of us breeze (or stumble) through at least one more year of high school.

At the beginning of the year we saw the iron hand of a new principal, who was just playing by the rules. We cried as we mourned the deaths of Mrs. Margie Rice, science and Mr. David Shelton, in-school suspension supervisor.

In September, the underclassmen reluctantly waded through the countless hours of ISTEP testing, which had become mandatory to pass in order to graduate. We witnessed history on the baseball field as Mark McGwire broke the record for most home runs in a single season. We cheered as the football team crushed the E.C. Central Cardinals: 34-0. We trembled with fear as the Grimm Reaper traveled the halls looking for those who had "died" due to wreckless drunk drivers.

In November, we sweated it out while our parents chatted with our teachers at Open House, and we were entertained by the performance of the musical *Sweet Charity*.

In December, we had a blast and danced the night away at Turnabout. We watched as William Jefferson Clinton became only the second president in American history to be impeached. And happily, we took a much needed rest during winter break.

In January, basketball fans said goodbye to Michael Jordan as he left the basketball floor for the last time. We saw Pope John Paul II make what was probably his last trip to the Americas as he journeyed to St. Louis.

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November

5 - Open House

7 - Newt Gingrich steps down as Speaker

19 - Presidential Impeachment trials begin

20-22 - *Sweet Charity* performed

December

5 - Turnabout

19 - Clinton impeached

21-Jan 4 - Winter Break

January

13 - MJ retires

26 - Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis

Clockwise from bottom left: The Space Shuttle Endeavour blasts off from Kennedy Space Center, marking the first U.S. assembly flight for the International Space Station; Capt. Paul Crandall signals from his F-15 fighter after landing at the NATO airbase in Italy. More than 400 aircraft were on standby to begin operations on Yugoslavia; After 32 days of captivity in a Yugoslavia camp, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone, Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez and Spc. Steven Gonzales are released; 500,000 revelers celebrate the new year in Times Square as confetti pours from the skies;Thirteen people were killed and more than 100 injured in the Amtrak traincrash in Bourbonnais, IL, which was caused by a semitrailer loaded with heavy steel bars.

February

2 - Job Shadow Day

19 - Teen Power with Gary Dean

March

2 - JETS competition

18-22 - Ditch Day performed

23 - NATO bombing of Yugoslavia begins

26 - Swing Into Spring dance

26-April 2 - Spring Break

April

20 - 14 students killed in shooting at Columbine High School

22 - Honor Society blood drive

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In February, we were blasted with one of the biggest snow storms in Griffith's history, yet we trudged through the snow and continued our educational quest, not missing a single day of school. We were enthralled by Gary Dean's presentation, Teen Power, in which we learned the five secrets of living a good life.

In March, we laughed during the student directed play, *Ditch Day*. We danced our way into Spring Break at the Swing Into Spring dance, then kicked back for a few days rest.

In April, we saw the horror of the Columbine shooting in which 14 students and one teacher were killed by members of the "Trenchcoat Mafia." We came together and gave our blood to those who needed it at the Honor Society blood drive.

In May, we honored our Top Ten students. We danced and laughed together at Prom, which was the last high school dance for some. We learned about some interesting jobs at the first GHS Career Fair. We laughed, cheered, and applauded as we watched the GHS Talent Show. The seniors recalled the past years at GHS at their Senior Banquet, but unfortunately ended up getting "sick" and missed school the next day.

Finally in June, we were awarded at Recognition Night. We listened to the music of the senior band and choir members at the Senior Recital. We cried again, not believing that Nick Taylor had really left us. We took our last tests of the year said our goodbyes on the last day of school. We celebrated (and maybe cried a few tears) as we watched our seniors graduate and move on.

Memories were made and good times were had. We made friends and sadly, lost a few too. We cried together and promised to write or call as we said goodbye for the last time. Someday, far in the future, we'll look back on these years in high school and remember all of the fun we had, wishing we could have kept them in a bottle.

-Eric Salczynski

May

- 5 - Top ten dinner
- 7 - Prom
- 8 - Attack on U.S. Embassy in Beijing
- 22 - GHS talent show
- 24 - Senior banquet
- 25 - Senior ditch day

June

- 2 - Recognition Night
- 6 - Senior recital
- 8 - Last day of school
- 9 - Yugoslav generals sign Kosovo peace agreement
- 11 - Graduation

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Grabbing a hot pan of cookies, senior **Lena Steinhubel** takes a bite of fresh from the oven. Mrs. Spunkmeyer cookies were baked in the DECA room in the morning and at lunch for students to buy.

Living it up in...

...National Honor Society

"I joined because I wanted to help the less fortunate by community service and I wanted to be involved in projects for the school," said junior **Lindsay Beigle**. "It lets me be an example for the other students."

...Senior Class Council

"It makes me feel really involved in school. I've been on class council all through high school," said senior **Amber Hecht**. "I've had a lot of fun planning Turnabout, Prom and now the Senior Banquet and graduation."

...Spanish Club

"Having Spanish Club is a good way to get students informed and interested in the cultures and customs of different people," said junior **Susan Huss**. "Going to the Ballet Folklorico was a rare experience also."

Timeline

October 2
Homecoming Dance
Varsity Club

November 19-22
Washington D.C. Natl. Convention
Quill and Scroll Society

Spanish Club
Great America Fieldtrip
October 24

Student Council
Highland Nursing Home
December 20

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Conducting an Honor Society meeting, junior Laura Zagrocki assigns duties for an upcoming event. Zagrocki has been involved in Honor Society for three years and served as president this year.

Sprawled on the floor, junior Karl Grimmer relaxes in the lounge area in the new student center. Grimmer, the chief experience editor, presents a presentation aimed at the reviews.

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life of the Party

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday through Friday all students are required to be at school, but before and after school is free time for most. Anyone involved in student clubs, however, knows that they spend much more time at school than the average student. Whether it's attending a meeting before school or staying after to plan an event, all clubs require extra time from their members.

Many clubs had to rearrange planned projects and cancel some annual activities. For the first time since 1987, SADD did not hold their annual lock-in. The Quill & Scroll lock-in was also canceled. Winter Homecoming, an event planned by Booster Club and Student Council fell through due to organizational conflicts.

On the bright side of the organizations scene, Spanish Club organized a trip to Spain, Honor Society held their annual blood drive, and Student Council planned a food drive and a talent show.

Whatever the circumstances, most student organizations adapted to new situations and found ways to help people in the community, plan new events and have fun while doing it.

-Nicole Voges and Josh Martin

March 8-12
Penny Project
S.A.D.D.

April 22
Blood Drive
National Honor Society

Wind Ensemble Band
Band Contest
February 27

Spanish Club
Swing into Spring Dance
March 26

Ninth Grade Aces Front Row: Ashley Lyle, Heather Fowler, Jenny Collins, Jessica Fox, Chelsea Cline, Lauren Price, Wilson, Jeremy Martin, Angie Allison, Back Row: Amber Higgins, Kenan McCarter, Lawrence Hawthorne, Jonathan Hunter, Joseph Hung, Brianna Baker

Tenth Grade Aces Front Row: Joseph Hunter, Jennifer Hung, Kelly Dwyer, Kelly Cummings, Jean Jackson, Jack Kimberly, Back Row: Lauren Lowery, Lawrence Hawthorne, Chelsey Sawyer

Tenmant Front Row: Alicia Kovach, Brianna Baker, Jessica Fox, Angie Allison, Back Row: Jessica Lyle, Brianna Hawthorne, Lauren Price, Wilson, Kenan McCarter, Marcus Barnes, Jeremy Martin, Jonathan Hung

Laughing with their friends, junior **Carrie Gitmer** and senior **Mary Zubrenic** enjoy their lunchtime. Gitmer and Zubrenic were on the way to visit a nursing home and with their friends for a dissecting class.

Taking a break during homecoming at Ball State, sophomore **Stacy DuGard** decides which sororities she will attend after until "learned new ways to organize our ads for Pefection," DuGard said.

Sitting down the runway, freshman **Ben Weatherford** models clothes in the Sewing Fashion show at the first Christian Church in Griffith. "The women really enjoyed us," junior **Anamia Hecht** said, "they always asked us to come back."

Admiring an object, senior **Heather Galiher** attends the Secondary School Showcase, an art competition at Valparaiso University. "All of the pieces with that I saw there was really impressive," Galiher said.

coming and going

students take learning outside the school

Who would have thought that watching a dancer stick his leg over a fire or playing with a camera would be considered educational. For many students it was. Clubs took field trips to places all around the area as a way to enhance their education and broaden their horizons.

"We went to the Ballet Folklorico for Spanish Club," junior **Cassandra White** said. "We learned about Spanish culture in an interesting way and Jaci(Bolsega) and I got to dance on stage with the dancers."

Students found that at field trips experience can be a better teacher than just reading about it in a book. Journalism students participated in the annual J- Day presented by *The Times* at the Radisson Plaza in Merrillville.

"I went to a session on photography and I learned a lot more by seeing things hands on," junior **Michelle Cuneo** said.

Field trips proved that learning can be fun when you get a clear picture of what you are learning.

-Amanda Grcevich

rolling in the dough

students raise funds to support various causes

Trips, new uniforms and new equipment are just some of the things that various clubs had to pay for themselves. Many clubs found fund raising to be an easy way to gain the neccessary money to fund these activities.

"We had to sell stuff for Spanish Club in order to fund the trip to Spain," said junior **Paul Chidichimo**. "I'm not going, but I sold stuff so I could get free candy."

While some students sold for personal benefit, others sold so they could get new equipment for their organization.

"We sold cheese, sausage and candles for band," said senior **Justin Seat**. "The money we raise will go towards financing band trips and purchasing new instruments."

Whether it was free food or new equipment, many groups had to raise their own capital. With minimal outside aid, fund raising proved to be an effective way to do this.

-Josh Martin

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Combing out the meridian star, junior **Heather Cope** relaxes in a chair. The money the chair members brought in went towards the first new chair given since Cynthia Spe jewelry has been selling at Griffith.

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Concert Choir Front Row: Elizabeth Rodesta (Vice President), Christina Marsh, Stephanie Lafferty, Mallory Bennett, Chessy Burchard, Stephanie Beale (Secretary), Laura Bernatt. Second Row: Cynthia Deaver, Hannah McMann, Veronica Sirio (Vice President), Kelley Milligan, Amber Kerper, Monica Sills, Jill Trowbridge, Kristen Lundquist. Third Row: Cristina Roth, Laura Jones, Lisa Burkhart, Julie Jacobs, Sarah Barchard, Elizabeth Walsh, Jennifer Taylor, Jennifer Marrow. Fourth Row: Hannah Annie (Secretary), Renee Wetlun, Beth Louderbier, Kristi Ostland, Courtney Schmidt, Diana Dubnovych, Sarah Fry. Fifth Row: Jenny Dannenbrink, Kimberly Peyrone (President), Veronica Jacques, Candia Bettis, Shauna Santiago, Marie Fitchey, Karen Kelly.

Concert Choir Front Row: Brian Wilkins, Christopher Kaczmarek, Nick Becher, Hugo Lay, Jamaal Barrett, Thomas Hernandez, Laurence Williams, Victor Nieto, Gregory Borden, Everett Mills. Second Row: Michael Hunter, Stephane Martin, Jesse Santiago, Laurence Jones, Marcus Ingram, Brian Farmer, Shannon Swoope, Heather Lewis, Timothy Muir, Jermaul Swinton. Third Row: Christina Coleman, Jamie Leitner, Margaret Hunter, Marjana Valnova, Jason Lomax (Secretary), Jackiana (Secretary), Mike Newman, Laura Worley, Christina Covert, Paul Dusch. Fourth Row: Lindsay Zimmerman, Metal Lee, Joseph Bertus, Matthew Fusch, Brian Connell (Vice President), Mary Luttrell, Pamela Smith, Jason Deyoung, John Jensen, Scott Negrete, Mike Sevenski (President).

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Halftime, a quick halftime, sold Angela Kreak was the group first "Little Caesar" Carnival. Profits from the sale went towards new uniforms and also funded a trip to the Lake Central Invitational.

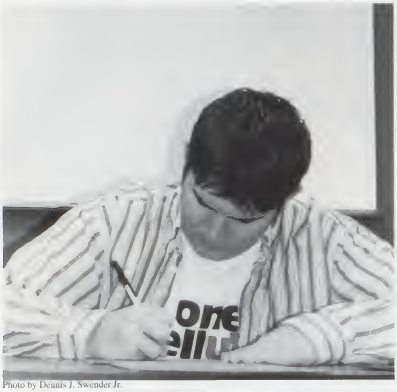
Examine a candle, senior Mary Zubrenic and junior Madeline Moore receive the items they sold for their "Chocolate Fundraiser. Along with candles, the chocolates also sold fast. It was a great way to raise money.

Cheerleaders: Front Row: Jessica Gerdes, Kristen Cline, Sara Beth Gardner, Kandy Carson. Second Row: Michele Tutra, Christie Mikolajczyk, Jenna Weatherford, Sharon Hammers (Co-captain), Laura Sizemore (Co-Captain). Third Row: Wendy Weaver (Captain), Stacie Kanuck, Kathleen Schlecht, Kathleen Sullivan. Fourth Row: Anna Shakarchi, Amanda Nemes, Kristen Nash, Tracy Miller, Jessica Sizemore (Co-captain).

Pom Squad: Front Row: Dawn Sanchez, Andrea Gulatt, Jennifer Garrett. Second Row: Sandra Lopez, Amy Wardle, Laura Chamberlain, Kathleen Sullivan, Tracy Nunez, Jean Jurich, Tracy Carolan Flores, Jennifer Greene, Brian Cotter.

Throwing parties, senior **Patrick Riordan** *grades* Fan Meet Pretzel. Riordan also served as Guitar and Jumpsuit. "We wanted to do more things as a group," Riordan said, so we formed a group. Hades haunted house and we had a live band at the Christmas party.

Keeping time, junior **Jaci Bolsega** leads the band at graduation. As drum major, Bolsega had to coach students, hand out signatures and keep the rest of the band in line. "Making about fifty students all do the same thing at once is really hard," Bolsega said.



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Varsity Club – Front row: Rune Pattie (Treasurer), Dave Fanchini (Vice Chairman), Mike Hines (Vice President), Jennifer Boehm (Secretary), Jim Schmitt (President), Jim Fine, Unknown, Chad, Jaime Torres, Chris Tucker, Jeremy Burns, Christopher Beckhart, Angel Fuentes, Paul Duncan, Joan Cooper, Jana Baum, Angie Hoag, Melissa Stockton, Unknown, Unknown, Angie Krea, Ryan Wylie, Lisa Menchaca, Shawn Jones. Third Row: Unknown, Unknown, Peter Pattie, Scott German, Amanda Keeper, Timothy Blue, Caryn Miller, Jennifer Williams, Laura Lagrone, Jason Alexander, Anthony Washington, David Lopez, Unknown, Jeremy Hatfield, Thurston Wilkins, Alex Gatch, Jane Santana, Mae Tuckma, Michael Andres, Sarah Bacon, Laura Mooney, Timothy Turkowski, Jeffrey Tessier, Jon Parsons, John Vance, Chad Sims, Nancy Flores, Jason Boone, Melissa Hunt. Fourth Row: Joe Alexander, Jim Esperza, Ian Torres, Christopher Hitt, Lou Maciosa, Jason Angel, Kevin Steiner, Keith Newman, Suzanne Wang, Diane Parker, Ryan Garver, Anton Hinojosa, Christian Lara, Jessica Overhart, Susan Hill, Matthew Weiner, Joseph Warno, Matthew Schroeder, Erik Thompson, Christopher Barrett, Pablo Fuentes, Steven Laurna, Luke Carson, Joe Schultz, Joseph Lavoette, Robert Mix, Scott Nogrete, Christopher Trolia.

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Delivering prizes to Mad Dog and Sweetheart Jesse, junior **Jason Tomcsi** and **Tim Powers**, student council sponsor, award the winners of the winter spirit week. As student council vice president, Tomcsi selected Powers.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Occasional pleasantries with **Karl Grimmer** accompany his monthly meeting with SADD members. As president of SADD, Grimmer represents more of a serious side with MADD guest, now driving, as he Gram Reader during Read Across America.

Leading the way

students stand out among their peers

Imagine having to organize 40 teenagers at a meeting, trying to think of fund raisers, or trying to think of activities for your club. Those are all parts of leading an organization. These responsibilities along with others presented club leaders with many challenges.

"Like any other organization, the most important part is getting people involved," junior **Andjela Subotic**, Spanish Club president, said. "Every day is a challenge to get people to participate and speak their ideas."

Club leaders bring their own qualities to their organization. Leadership, listening, organizational, and being able to get involved are all important skills to have. A good leader also realizes what the difficulties are.

"The most difficult part of leading the organization is trying to balance the different opinions of group members," senior **Karl Grimmer**, SADD president, said.

Even with the difficulties, the clubs' leaders were able to manage the time and organize activities for members to participate in.

- Amanda Grcevich

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Honor Society: Front Row: Tommy Amos (treasurer), Jeff Long (vice president), President, Jessica Everhart (historian), Laura Garrison (secretary), Sarah Fair (secretary), Second Row: Lorin Martinez, Laura Hulett, Julie Chatham, Chris Lindner, Mason Chamberlain, Jill Stokes, Amy Morgan, Third Row: Melissa Dimmick, Andjela Subotic, Jennifer Carroll, Susan Hess, Melissa Rissmann, Elizabeth Ashley Brown, Fourth Row: Andrea Smith, Sarah Joyce, Fourth Row: Jon Hoskins, Jason Wilkerson, Andrea Hess, Mary Kathryn Jones, Karl Grimmer, Christopher Sowers, Beth Swine, Kristin Hulse, Alison Fair.

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Swing Club: Front Row: Jon Sowers, Amanda Hess, Amy Hawkins, Jessica Wilson, Jennifer Rae Michels, Carrie Lanier, Laura Hulett, Teresa Aaron, Kristin Schmidt, Melissa Gaddy. Third Row: Jesse Fisher, Mark Fritter, Ryan Grogan, Brian Rodriguez, Jeffrey Cook, Jerry Kendall, Kristina Teall. Fourth Row: Joshua Hall, Andrew Hess, Richard Rissmann, Ryan Hom, Brian Brown, Melissa Aaron, Tabitha Cole, Christopher Leonard, Matthew Gunn, Juan Mejia, Allen Barnes, Luke Chapman, Brian Bettis, Dan Hall.

Change of Heart

Students bring Christmas joy to the elderly

Whether they passed out presents, sang songs, or dressed up in Christmas attire, members of the Student Council helped spread a little holiday joy to some elderly people.

These 25 students visited the Highland nursing home armed with cards and presents. A selected few chose to dress up as Santa and his helpers to bring a smile to the elders' faces.

Junor **Colin Banta** said he didn't mind dressing up as Santa because no one really knew it was him.

"I felt really good about myself after I did it," said Banta. "The old people made it fun, so it made me get into it more."

Sophomore **Gregory Bowers** said he was really glad he went because it taught him how to deal with different types of people.

"The old people really seemed to enjoy us being there," said Bowers. "It was a good experience."

In the hectic schedules of many high school students these students showed they still had time to lend a helping hand to others in need.

-Candice Peters

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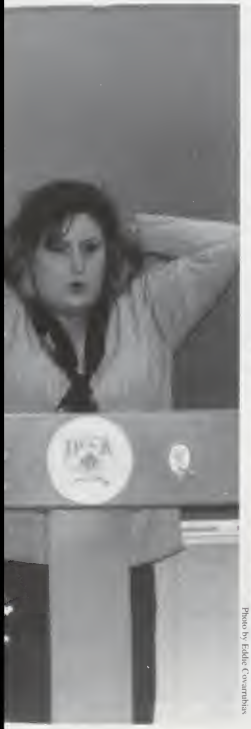
Driving the ball, senior **Nicole Voges** participates in the LAPE basketball game held at Franklin elementary school. The LAPE (Life Models) led the 4th grade classes to talk about the dangers of drugs.

Giving a check for exceeding their quota of $2,000, a representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association awards DECA for their good work as senior **Brandy Rockwell** watches.



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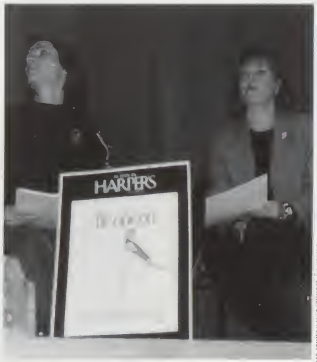

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Donation time could all the annual blood drive sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega Society, senior **Cynthia McFadden** and **Dan McCoy**, history, give pint. There were 91 people who signed up to donate and about 60 people actually did.

Listening to SADD president Pat Gammer, **Jane Mantel**, a special guest speaker from MADD and a survivor, **Marlene Starcevich** [illegible] intently. Mantel shared her tragedy of her daughter's death by drunk driver. Many students said they thought a lot more about the risks of drinking and driving after attending the rally again.

Freshman Class Vice President, Jessica Thomas, President Kate Fitzgerald, Michael Chappelear, Ian Hancock, Sarah Tech, Brian Barnes, Justin Newton, Amy Arnold, Rev A. Clement Stoudt Jr., Joseph Sterns, Andrew Jeffers, Prashant Sinha, Matthew Hollenbeck, Kevin Gutierrez, Kevin Sanders, Jason Simms, Joseph Pinnella, Tom Greenwell, Ross Jackson, Trevor Rodgers, Matt Rentfro, Chris Jones, Trevor Kimmer, Cover: Kim Williams, Amy Arnold

Junior Class President Kevin Lindsay, Cayce Hunter, Lauren Allen, Brian Brand, Whitney Andrews, Chris Jones, Jeff Hart, Kevin Hollenbeck, Jeremy Kramer, Kevin Benson, Jason Hutto, Chris Jones, Danny Kimmerly, Shane Fitzgerald, Matthew Lynch, Philip Harrell, Amy Jackson, Lauren Jones, Paul Kilgore, Sarah Tomaszewski, Walter Harper, Stephanie Rowe, Tom Brittain, Kevin Hunter, Jason Chappell, Jason Cates, Brian Kelley, Jay Vandiver, Kyle Stevens, Chad Kopp, Jason Tuggey, Michael Gunter, Jason Hunter, James Lagle, Chris Johnson, Kevin Williams, Andrew Anderson, Brian Beck, Laurie Hudson, Jim Wilkerson, Kenny Hood, Gregg Hudson, Christen Lane, Craig Hancock, Jessica Hartley

Sophomore Class President Jennifer Stevens, Joe Tolla, Tammy Jones, Jason Hodges, Kevin Lawrence, Ashley Hyatt, Brian Rhodes, Matt Hyatt, Tim Reynolds, Stephanie Sturgill, Angie Cole, Eric Vestal, Jennifer Kelley, Jon Mass, Brandon Brady, Lawrence Perez, Justin Cates, Chris Kirkpatrick, Monique Mangano, Ryan Dunlap, Marcus Bernstein, Tammy Hulsey, Jason Lawrence, Shawn Fowler, Jason Alexander, Anthony Eubanks, David Kim, Kyle Wade, Adam Brewington, Christopher Lawrence, Jeremy Hall, Thomas Hodges, Bridget Hartley, Bryant Hay, Juan Bi, Jonathan Howell, Chad Lamb, Kevin Dwyer, Scott Hyatt, Jon Kap, Joshua Gaddy, Cory Hayes, Christian Hart, Andrew Jones, Lance White, Steven Stroud, Kevin Adam Lucas, Michael Sewell, Michael Jones, Nate Ross, Jonathan Fox, Adam Wilbert, Jeremy Bryant, Diane Rawls, Tony Herod

Listening attentively, junior **Anne Medaker** sits in on a Tau Sigma Honor Society meeting. "I love it [Honor Society]," said Medaker. "It makes me feel involved in school."

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Tired from competition, seniors **Sara Grudzen** and **Joshua Martin** search for topics on the Internet at Trank in College. "We were both really tired from competing, so we went to the library to goof off and have some fun," said Grudzen.

Talking large, seniors **Nicole Voges** and **Jenni Vazionis** conduct a Beister club meeting as co-presidents in Tim Powers' room. Voges and Vazionis have both been in Beister Club for four years and have been officers for two years.

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learning the ropes

club members learn how to take on bigger roles

Do you ever wonder what it takes to be a good leader for a club? Good looks? Great personality? Popularity? Many club members say experience is the key.

One good way of gaining experience is by working directly with the current officers.

"Working with the officers is a good idea," said junior **Jaci Bolsega**, secretary of Student Council. "You get to see how the club functions from a higher point of view."

There are also leadership camps to learn skills. Bolsega has attended the Student Leadership Institute at Ball State for three years.

"The counselors taught us more than just leadership skills," said Bolsega. "We learned about everyday problems, and they treated us like adults."

For freshman **Renee Wotkun**, Freshmen Class Council vice president, other club members got her motivated.

"People who are very involved made me want to get involved," said Wotkun. "I'm learning from them every day."

-Amber Hecht

doing it for fun

Music Department keeps playing and singing exciting

For some people, music is just something they listen to, but for members of the GHS band and choir, it is a huge part of life. Members of the GHS music department put in hours of practice.

"Playing the same songs over and over can be repetitive," junior **Jaci Bolsega** said, "but if you do good it's worth it."

All that extra time brings members together.

"I enjoy singing in choir because there are a lot of fun people that I have met and have become friends with," junior **Justin Albright** said.

Through all the hard work, participating in the music department remains positive for most.

"I read somewhere that musically inclined people tend to do better in life," Bolsega said. "It's because playing a variety of music broadens a person's horizons."

-Amanda Grcevich

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Caroling class, **Cynthia Spejewski** (senior), junior **Jacqueline DeYoung**, senior **Mary Zubrenic**, and juniors **Laura Worley** and **Julie Newman** perfect songs for the freshman concert. The girls were called the "fourteens."

Setting the tone, senior **Shaun Doyle** practices at the Northwest Indiana music festival held at Munster High School. He is a member of the marching band, "but I joined in the symphonic band with one of 80 musicians in market."

Photo by Angel Velez

Tenderloin Ensemble: *Front Row:* Crystal Wilson, Jessica Pagliarini, Michael Hernandez. *Second Row:* Kate Hagerottham, Brittany Paul, Justin Seal, Nirmita Dimovski, Stefanie Fischowski, Jessica Thompson. *Third Row:* Amanda Nichols, Christina Fedeniuk, John Melch, Amel Velez, Shaun Pope.

Jazz Band: *Front Row:* Mathias Hernandez, Craig Vucich, Nirmita Dimovski, Christopher Gomez, Crystal Wilson. *Second Row:* Jessica Thompson, Jessica Fischowski, Kate Hagerottham, Brittany Paul, Diane Kamel, Stephanie Fischowski. *Third Row:* Vessela Trumpeva, Amanda Nichols, Justin Seal, Dave Sanchez, John Melch, Christina Fedeniuk, Shaun Pope.

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Photo by Anne Herbe

Cantering down the halls, members of Chorus and Choir rehearse their hoofs for their next show. Dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, the kids are right at home in the less-than-regal attire of the grades below, as well as being a place to rest after a strenuous day in the classroom.

Preparing for competition, freshman **Craig Vucich** plays the trombone in the band room. Vucich was a member of the jazz ensemble which went to state competition and came in first place.

Contemplating what is being said, senior **Anthony Washick** listens to **Barbara Deleget's** ideas for Senior Banquet at a Senior Class Council meeting. Washick served as vice president in Senior Class Council.

Playing games at the Spanish Club's Swing into Spring Dance, sophomores **Selena Bermudez** and **Kate Higginbotham** try to pass a hula hoop between each other. The dance was a fundraiser for students going to Spain.

making things happen

Students help bring activities together

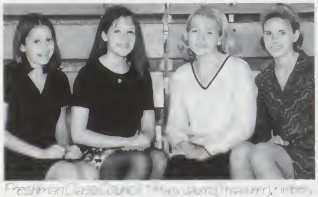
If you're in a club you probably know how early the meetings can be or how enjoyable the different activities can be. What you may not realize is how much time and effort it can take to plan those events.

"It takes a lot of time and work that many people don't see," junior **Nancy Robles** said. "It's all the little things like sponsors, materials and helpers."

Having all the members of an organization pitch in can make a big difference.

" It helps because more people have more ideas and input, and things work better," senior **Shaun Doyle** said

Whether it is a big decision or a little decision, having everyone help can change the way things turn out. *-Amanda Grcevich*



Freshman Class Council: Mary Jaenicke (treasurer), Kimberly Dayoub (president), Paige Williams (vice president), Melissa Prudeaux (secretary).

Sophomore Class Council: [illegible]

Sharing ideas, sophomores **Hillary** and **Mallory Bernath** discuss their opinions at a Student Council meeting. Student Council was responsible for the planning of events such as the talent show, homecoming, and the food drive.

Looking over the material given out at the Prom meeting, senior **Colleen Strauch** listens to **Teresa Carstensen** go over the rules for prom. Strauch was one of many students who attended the mandatory meeting for prom where voting for king and queen took place, rules were discussed, and a pledge was signed not to drink and drive.

Junior class officers [illegible] Prom. [illegible]

Sophomore class officers [illegible] Prom. [illegible]

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Panther Pride: [illegible]

Out and Some: [illegible]

Fall Fling in her spot, sophomore **Abigail *Greco*** listens in on a Booster Club meeting. "[illegible] we left Booster Club and I decorated the hall," said Greco.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Working diligently, freshman **Jeremy Martin** lays up tures during yearbook. Martin is the only "regular" member of Reflector, but stays the year. "I enjoy taking pictures of things, sometimes I thought it would be fun taking pictures for Reflector," Martin said.

Sorting patterns at Uncle A Lane, senior **Courtney Johnson** and sophomore **Ryan O'Keefe** pick out the Spoonmore clothes at Open House. Uncle A Lane bought 500 outfits from Ms. A to sale out to parents.

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going the extra mile

students find reasons to put in extra time after school

Staying after school is not an idea most students like, especially if they don't have to. For some clubs, though, it's practically a necessity.

"We [Reflector] meet five times a week during the school day," said senior **Josh Martin.** "Of course, we are extremely diligent and hard working so we also meet every other Monday after school."

Other clubs realize that students don't always have time to stay after school so they choose to come to school early to accomplish their goals.

"The [Spanish Club] officers hold meetings every other Friday at 7:30 a.m. to discuss upcoming events and projects," said junior **Lara Gonzalez**, vice president of Spanish Club. "We do clothing and food drives and sometimes have fiestas."

For these clubs, the hours are long and the activities plenty, but it seems to be enjoyable time spent, for most involved.

"I love yearbook," said Martin. "It's the only fun activity this school offers so I throw all of my energy into it."

-Amber Hecht

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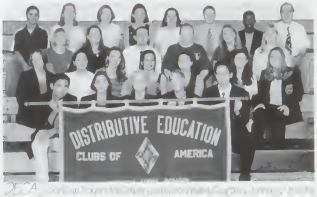

DECA

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Waiting in line "V" Senior Class Chairs sponsor **Russ Radtke** organizes the upcoming contest. Radtke has to compete with **Barbara Deleget** and **[illegible]**.

Showing off her hair, **Irma Coddington** gets into the spirit at Fiesta Coddington and **Katherine Martinez** were no strangers to Spanish but which helped a lot in the language contest.

Photo by Jocelyn J. Williams

Photo by Jeremy L. Martin

Meeting again for a field trip, ACES sponsor **Lawrene Hawthorne** writes down information. Hawthorne chaperoned and organized many educational trips for seventh through ninth grade ACES.

Collaborate the plans for an upcoming project i.e. Pantherette sponsor **Michelle Jones** gets squad members' input. Jones, in her first year as sponsor, was a Pantherette when she attended GHS.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

forgotten heroes

club sponsors help out behind the scenes

When we think of all that it takes to run a club we usually only think of the officers or the other members that participate. What we sometimes neglect to think about are the sponsors who are behind everything.

"I wanted to give kids an opportunity to do something after school," art club sponsor **Jim Graff** said. "We do stuff like work on projects, throw pottery, and I teach kids new stuff that they want to learn."

For some sponsors the decision to take over a club was influenced by a teacher in their high school days.

"I had an awesome Student Council sponsor when I was in high school," Student Council and Booster Club sponsor **Tim Powers** said. "I've wanted this job since the dawn of time."

Teachers can see clubs as a way to get to know students better, which to some is crucial.

"Sponsoring clubs allows me to have better personal relationships with students and to gain their trust," Powers said. "I really enjoy seeing kids interact in a non-academic environment. It's important."

-Amanda Grcevich

Time to Play Ball

Whether it was the crushing defeat some of the school felt as the football team was shut out by the Plymouth Rockies, the sheer excitement swimming fans felt as junior Timmy Krebs swam his way to a third place victory at state, or the adamant determination of the softball team as they battled against Munster for 16 innings in a scoreless game, various sporting events inspired a wide variety of emotions.

Aside from the players involved in the sport, parents, faculty and fans were engrossed in the events as well. Sports helped the community come together and function as one. Friends and families gathered together at senior nights in order to show their support for the graduating senior class athletes. Fans crowded into sectional and regional championships in order to support their teams.

Through all the victories and defeats, each team showed incredible camaraderie and stuck together through good times and bad, creating many memorable moments along the way.

-Nicole Voges, Josh Martin and Jessica Everhart

Photo by Tony Papa

Giving each other a hug, seniors Jason O'Donnel and Christopher Troksa comfort each other after an emotional game. O'Donnel dressed up for and cheered on the soccer, football, and basketball teams in the fall and winter and played baseball in the spring.

Photo by Tony Papa

Timeline

August 18
Win against Merrillville
Volleyball

October 2
Regional
Boys' Soccer

Boys' Tennis
Sectional
October 2

Football
Sectional Championship
November 6

Photo by Tony Papa

Shouting words of encouragement to his teammates, senior Ryan Hill sets the pace. He played both JV three and defense on the varsity team, and was the captain of the team. Hill states, "My most memorable moment was beating Highland in the sectional championship," said Hill.

Pitching the ball, sophomore Sara Palmer goes for the strike. Palmer played JV and pitched the first game of a double-header against Kenway and won.

Time Out For Sports

...Golf

"I just play because I like golfing," said junior **Derek Blythe**. "It's relaxing and I just love the game."

...Boy's Tennis

"I went to a couple of tennis camps," said freshman **Mike Hernandez**. "My most memorable moment was when Mike [Reyna] and I won the doubles division at Lake Station."

...Baseball

"I enjoy playing baseball because of the physical and most of all mental challenge that it brings," said junior **Kevin Suba**.

...Volleyball

"It was a good experience playing on JV because we got to work with the varsity and they taught us a lot about the game so we can improve for the future," said sophomore **Kimberly Frederick**.

Boys' Swimming Conference January 30

April 29
16 innings at Munster
Softball

Baseball
Loss to Lake Central
May 14

May 19
Win against Highland
Golf

Doing It Together

Looking down the hall, you see the normal black and gold team shirts. Then a flash of color catches your eye. It's the girls' cross country team in their tie-dyed shirts. This was just one example of how this year's team was very close and unified, which helped everyone improve.

"Most of us were out of shape at the beginning of the season," said junior **Dana Zukanovich.** "By the end, we were running better than any of us expected."

Even with all the team unity and support, staying motivated had to come from within.

"My motivation to run comes from myself," said senior **Laura Zagrocki**. "I think that once you start running, it becomes a habit."

Being close was the key to success. With only nine girls on the team, everyone had to do their part and support each other.

"We all got along and supported each other through hard times," said Zagrocki. "Since cross country is not a glory sport, your team has to be close to be successful."

By working together and practicing as a team, the Lady Panthers improved on their times as well as their friendships.

-Jessica Everhart

The Numbers Add Up

7 Of the runners participated in another sport.

50% Of the athletes were on the team for the first time.

Photo by Tony Papa

Front row: Samantha Adame, Jillian Sartes, Danelle Hennes, Laura Zagrocki, Tiffany Juarez Second row: Dana Zukanovich, Carrie Handhar, Tri Powers (coach), Carrie Gitmie, Sarah Govert

Shadow chasing

Lengthening her strides, senior Carrie Hanchar receives the finishing touch at Lincoln Heights cross country meet. "The competition was very tough, but I knew I had to do my best," Hanchar said.

Taking a breather

Lying on a blanket, senior Laura Zagrocki relaxes after a long race at the Highland Invitational. Zagrocki has been running on the cross country team since she entered her sophomore year.

Photo by Tony Papa

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Caught in the middle

Preparing to meet her opponent, junior Samantha Adame runs in the cross country meet at Highland. The team finished second this year, after Lowell, and was ranked fourth in the conference.

Going the distance

Trying to be ahead, junior Dana Zukanovich strives to maintain on her lead. Zukanovich finished ninth on the girls team, though she placed seventh at sectionals, and helped the team qualify.

Scoreboard

Place	
14th	Gavit Invite
18th	T.F. South Invite
9th	Lowell Invite
15th	Highland Invite
9th	Clark Invite
8th	Lake Athletic Conference Meet
7th	Sectionals

Staying focused

Anticipation is evident on the faces in front of him, senior David Schaffenberger prepares to sprint down the hill at Old Ridge Prairie. Schaffenberger ran cross country throughout the three year season.

Photo by Tony Papa

Pushing 'til the end

Pushing himself to stay ahead of the competition, junior Josh Banning keeps the lead as he nears the finish of the meet at Old Ridge Prairie. "I felt I was going to pass out during the race," said Banning.

Front Row: Jeffrey Vesser, Jeremy Bratton, Kyle Kuropaska, Josh Herman. Second Row: Scott Greiman, Christopher Hamann, Michael Servenski, Neil Dines, Christopher Brookhart, Eric Salczynski. Third Row: Joshua Banning, David Schaffenberger, Manu Petrovic, Tom Wieczorzeschi, Kevin Wurtz, Kar Grimmer, Jason Dines.

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

2 Of the runners from GHS made the All Conference Team.

5 New runners joined the boys' cross country team.

Keeping loose

Stretching out before the cross country meet at Old Ridge Prairie, junior Eric Salczynski watches the girls cross country team compete. Salczynski finished second on the team with a time of 18:34.

Sprinting to the finish

Freshman [illegible] Marko Petrovic [illegible] 400 yards. Petrovic [illegible] Tomcsi, [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] Conference [illegible] Conference.

Photo by Tuan Pham

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Scoreboard

Place	
3rd	Gavit Invite
17th	T.F. South Invite
9th	Lowell Invite
15th	Highland Invite
8th	Clark Invite
7th	LAC Meet
7th	IHSAA Sectional

Why Do They Run?

"What am I doing here?" was a question that frequented the starting line at boys' cross country meets. For junior **Jason Tomcsi** running cross country was his way of supporting lesser recognized sports.

"Although I frequently asked myself why I ran, I knew that at least it would be over in twenty minutes," said Tomcsi.

Senior **Scott Gierman** runs to remain in good physical condition.

"I joined cross country because I liked track last year and wanted to stay in shape," said Gierman.

Some people not only run for conditioning, but for pleasure too. Senior **Jeremy Bratton** is one of those few.

"(Cross country) is a challenge personally - it's also very addicting," said Bratton, who has run for three years straight.

The rest of the team said that they also liked this year. A lot of that had to do with a new coach, Tom Wells.

Wells wants to keep coaching. He wants to start early and keep practices enjoyable so the team will stay motivated. *-Eric Salczynski*

Hitting hard

Swinging with ease, sophomore **Sarah Fry** tries to spike the ball over her opponents. Fry started out the season at an opposite hitter and finished as an outside hitter.

Photo by Tony Papa

Varsity: Front row: Lindsay Chapa, Shannon Cwynar, Andrea Menendez, Michele Gomez, Lindsay Deans, Susan Hines, Anne Meeseker, Emily Cockrington. Second row: Nicole Kopovich, Jessica Everhart, Katheia Vanci, Michele Castillo (coach), Linda Hoag, Jaiqui Sanchez, Erin Bacan

Junior Varsity: Front row: Yadeline Frazeno, Selina Bermudez, Lindsay Bays, Nicole Kopovich, Julie Rutledge, Angelina Alvarez. Second Row: Veronica Sosa, Sarah Fry, Selena Salazar, Dyan Whittemore (coach), Breanne Steagal, Julie Furgert, Linda Garnett

Photo by Tony Papa

Ready for action

Standing her ground, junior **Jessica Everhart** attempts to dig a hit with junior **Anne Meeseker** backing her up. Everhart was one of three starters who played both front and back row. Everhart was also a team captain.

Creating memories

Leaning over her teammate, junior **Anne Meeseker** decorates the back of her shirt for sectionals. Coach **Michelle Castillo** bought puffy pens so the team could decorate their shirts and sign each others.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
15-11-15	Merrillville	10-15-10
15-18	E. C. Central	2-16
15-15	River Forest	13-9
3-9	Highland	15-15
15-15	Lake Station	6-9
Crown Point Invite 6th place		
3-5	Andrean	15-15
5-16-9	Hebron	15-14-15
15-15	Calumet	12-4
13-15-15	North Newton	15-10-12
11-15-9	Hanover Central	15-12-15
9-15	Lowell	15-17
18-9-15	Hobart	16-15-4
6-15	Morton	15-17
15-16-9	Crown Point	10-18-15
9-12	Munster	15-15
15-16	Clark	9-14
Griffith Invite 2nd place		
13-6	Lake Central	15-15
11-12	Bishop Noll	15-15
4-16-9	Gavit	15-14-15
5-12	Valparaiso	15-15
15-15	Hammond	12-9
15-12-15	Gary West Side	11-15-8
15-5-15	Whiting	10-15-1
15-10-15	Clark (Sectionals)	10-15-10
12-13	Andrean (Sectionals)	15-15

Photo by Anne Heckt

Kicking back

Cheering wildly, sophomores Veronica Solis, Breanne Steagall, and Kathleen Vanek enjoy a break during a game as their teams at tempts "feeble" at Solis' house. The party was a tradition that Solis inaugurated when Solis was on the freshmen team. "It was fun because it was a celebration, a time to have fun and forget about the hard work," Solis said.

The Numbers Add Up

62% The Lady Panthers won more than half of their home games.

83% Most of the Lady Panthers serves were inbounds.

97% The Lady Panthers had a very high accuracy in setting.

63% The Panthers increased their numbers from last year by more than half.

Photo by Tom Papa

Covering New Ground

A 5'11" girl on the volleyball team? Unheard of in Griffith. But this year there were two, senior **Erica Head** and sophomore **Kathleen Vanek**.

With only three returning varsity players, the team achieved their ultimate goal, beating Merrillville. Coach **Michelle Castillo** said team chemistry made this year different.

"What's special about this year is the girls," Castillo said. "We played better as a team than last year."

Although there was good team unity, junior **Nichole Popovich** said the team needed to work on their desire to succeed.

"The most difficult thing was losing when we definitely should have won," Popovich said. "We needed to have more desire to win."

Although the team wasn't undefeated, Castillo was proud of their accomplishments.

"Not many teams can say they beat Merrillville," Castillo said.

So, with new height and new talent, the team came together to improve their previous record of 10-20 by finishing 15-17.

-Susan Huss

Varsity
Front row: Anie Kirkland, Lindsay Vrank, Doreen Vecchio, Carol Fechner, Alison Barta
Second row: Julie Newman, Michele Eckert, Tammy Heft, Caryl Miller, Allison Eatin, Samantha Quintero, Back row: Vicki Negretto (coach), Melissa Hart, Melissa Petersen, Laura Money, [illegible], Melissa Sadkin, Juan Salazar, Pat Hernandez (coach)

Junior Varsity
Front row: Crystal Wilcox, Maria Salas, Emily Jennings, Heather Sorzesnia , Second row: Rachel Abnight, Angela Parrott, Sarah Hanley, Kathryn Lafayette, Brittany Parent, Back row: Vicki Negretto (coach), Holly Williams, Lisa Davis, Melanie Johnson, Veronica Jacobs, Jessica Parrish, Jennifer Sims, Rolando Gonzalez (coach)

The Numbers Add Up

20 The number of goals (tie) accumulated by the team.

52 The number of total goals scored by the team.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Energizing goodies

Watching minutes and snacks, junior **Diana Ballas** and freshman **Rachel Abnight** try to decide on what they want. Snacks were provided by the parents for the girls to eat during and after the game.

Plowing her over

Straining through embankments as prompt to steal time ball, junior **Tammy Heft** tries to move up the field in a game at home. The girls averaged 2.86 goals per game and only allowed an average of 1.8 goals.

Photo by Tony Papa

An emotional ending

After losing the Highland game, senior **Melissa Petersen** expresses her emotions. The Highland game was the last game for the seniors because of the rivalry between the two teams.

A balancing act

Stretching the crowd during the game, junior **Colleen Vechey** shows her emotional support. Junior **Melissa Hart**, sophomore **Michelle Gaddini** and freshman **Alison Banta** watch the wave as it wind things before the game. Vechey said.

Photo by Tony Papa

Junior Mints

Most teams are led by a few seniors who have been on the team longer than anyone else and can take charge. But for the girls' soccer team, this was difficult because there were no seniors and eleven juniors. Though this may have seemed like a setback at the beginning, it became a strong point because of their ability to work together and their experience with each other in the past.

"We were on Club together since grade school," said junior **Melissa Hart**. "We know each other and how everyone plays. We work together because we're friends and want to help each other."

The girls' long history together also helped them get used to how they play. They knew what their teammates were doing and where they were going.

"It helped us talk to each other," said junior **Amie Kielbasa**. "We already knew what the other person was going to do with the ball."

With no seniors, the juniors had to take charge and lead the team.

"It was hard," said Hart. "We needed some juniors to step up and take the place of the seniors, considering there were four last year."

As their record showed, the juniors used their compatibility and previous experience to pull together and lead the team in a successful season.

-Jessica Everhart

Scoreboard

Us		Them
	Soccer 0'Rama	
4	Bishop Noll	1
5	Morton	0
0	Highland	1
1	Chesterton	0
12	Michigan City	1
15	Lowell	0
0	Valparaiso	0
1	Merrillville	0
2	Highland	0
0	Crown Point	2
1	Lake Central	3
3	Munster	4
3	Laporte	0
2	Portage	2
1	Andrean	4
0	Hobart	0
2	Sectionals	1
0	Sectionals	2

Spitting for the tradition

[illegible] Christopher Troksa [illegible]

Photo by Tony Papa

Junior Varsity

Front row: [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Back Row: [illegible]

Varsity

Front Row: [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Back row: [illegible]

Photo by Tony Papa

Peek-a-boo

Peering out from a dense thicket, Junior Craig Sims [illegible]

Defending his territory

[illegible] Joseph Homoky [illegible]

Scoreboard

Us		Them
11	Lowell	0
2	Chesterton	0
6	Morton	0
2	Hobart	1
1	Munster	2
4	Crown Point	0
2	Bishop Noll	1
4	Merrillville	1
9	Clark	0
3	Portage	1
2	Gavit	0
3	Lake Central	1
3	Andrean	1
5	Hammond High	2
3	Highland	1
1	Valparaiso	7
	Sectionals	
	First Round	
	Bye	
4	Morton	1
1	Highland	0
	Regionals	
0	Bishop Noll	1

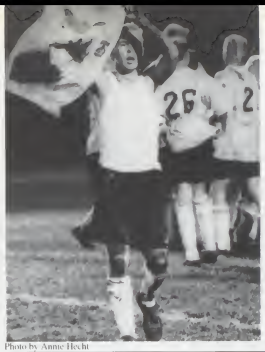

Photo by Annie Hecht

Flashing his pride

Sprinting off the pitch, senior Jeremy Buzea shows off his pride for the team victory to the crowd. "We got revenge on Highland from last year and that was our goal, to win sectionals," said Buzea.

The Numbers Add Up

76% This is how many games the team won.

1 This is how many games the team lost on their home field.

Playing the Role

Photo by Tom Pong

Just about every soccer player could agree that the biggest challenge was to beat Highland for a sectional victory, but not junior **Colin Banta.**

"The hardest game for the junior varsity team was Lake Central. Even though we won, their overall skill was better than ours, but when it came down to it, we wanted it more," said Banta.

It doesn't only take skill to be successful. It takes motivation, leadership, and much more.

This year was this first year David Lopez took part in playing leading roles on both the soccer and football team.

"David Lopez had the most goals, and we need goals to win. He pulled through when we needed him," said Banta.

Besides independence, teammates depend on other members to get them where they want to go.

"I look up to Craig Sims because he controls the mid-field and I know that it is a hard position," said senior **Ryan Towasnicki.**

Despite their early end, the team closed the season with pride.

"We had a good year but we should have never ended on Bishop Noll because we were a lot better of a team," said senior **Chad Lukas**.

Dedication was the team's main focal point to bring in a victorious season.

-Sara Grudzien

Front: [illegible] First row: [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Third row: [illegible] Fourth row: [illegible] Fifth row: [illegible] Back row: [illegible] Turner, [illegible] Brandon Sc[illegible], [illegible] Anthony [illegible], Steven Laurinaitis, [illegible]

Scoreboard

Us		Them
28	La Porte	6
6	Hobart	3
15	Andrean	14
7	Lake Central	34
10	Munster	18
42	Lowell	21
34	E.C. Central	0
7	Highland	14
21	Hammond High	10
49	Morton	14
21	Hammond High	0
35	Highland	0
0	Plymouth	34

Photo by Tony Papa

A moment of silence

Sometimes, before the game, the Munsters, senior Jason Angel takes a moment to reflect what was happening. This was the annual "Pink Game" in which the team played for the tone number of lead coach Pete Pastrella of Illinois. The Panthers no deemed the pink uniform in the season in a game against Highland the first week of Sectionals.

Photo by Tony Papa

Bringing him down

After reading the opposing teams plays, senior Timothy Duke [illegible] off the play. Duke got a [illegible] during the game and was out for the rest of the season.

Taking a breather

Coming out for a breather, senior Ryan Sarver watches the offense as he waits for his time on the field. Sarver has been on the frosh team since the seventh grade.

Photo by Tony Papa

One last run

In the second quarter against Ridge, senior **Dave Lopez** runs downfield for a touchdown. This was the last game after the loss to Plymouth.

Pulling his leg

Avoiding a pass by a Plymouth defensive end, sophomore **Tyler Radtke** reaches for the first down. Radtke was successful in stopping off the Plymouth high-flyer.


Photo by Tony Papa


Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

3 This is the number of shutouts the Panthers had.

9 This number of hours the football team spent at practice on an average day during the summer.

Enemies of the State

Coming off of a state championship with everyone plotting against them could have destroyed the football team. But instead they took all the pressure and turned it around into a successful season.

Senior **Patrick Fuentes** felt that the intensity was positive for the team.

"It felt good because everyone was looking at us and wanted to beat us," Fuentes said. "We were everyone's target."

Being a target also put the team on the spot. They had to work harder than ever to keep up to all the expectations, according to junior **Justin Falk**.

"We definetly had harder practices and longer day camp," Falk said. "We were expected to do well, even from all the fans."

Though the team ended a few games short of state, they still finished the season with a record of 9-4. Defensive coach **Dan McCoy** believed that despite the loss, the Panthers accomplished many goals.

"Just because we didn't win state doesn't mean it was an unsuccessful season," McCoy said. "They are all a great bunch of guys. They played hard all year and I'm proud of them." *- Jessica Everhart/ Kevin Suba*

Leading the team

Practicing his forehand, senior Eric Laczi prepares to play his opponent at Highland. Laczi served as team captain this year. "It was pretty tough on us, as well as the only senior," Laczi said.

Having a blast

Concentrating on his swing, junior Michael Reyna prepares to turn his opponent's ball. This was Reyna's first year of the team, where he played mostly doubles. "The season went by really fast," Reyna said, "but I still had a lot of fun."

Scoreboard

Us		Them
2	Lowell	3
4	Hobart	1
5	Clark	0
1	Andrean	4
2	Lake Central	3
3	Bishop Noll	2
4	Morton	1
Lake Station Inv, 1st		
3	River Forest	2
0	Munster	5
0	Portage	5
2	Calumet	3
Merrillville Inv, 6th		
2	Highland	3
LAC Tourney, 5th		
0	Sectionals	5

Photo by Tony Papa

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Running for it

Sophomore Paul Dalach stretches to return the ball at the LAC tourney. "It was about the most tough five-set period," Dalach said. "We were strong, yeah he won it, we'll run even harder next."

Making the save

Doing his the best right he can, it doesn't out of way, junior John Hanson attempts to return it. "I thought it was fun," Hanson said, "but we didn't pick up to our potential."

Photo by: Tony Papa

Smashing Baby, Smashing

The boys' tennis team continually rose above expectations this season almost everytime they walked onto the court. They especially exceeded those expectations when three players, senior **Eric Laczi**, and juniors **John Hanson** and **Matthew Sherry**, were named to the All-Conference team.

"It's a great honor," Sherry said. "John, Eric and I are proud to represent GHS with an honor like this."

Hanson said they still could have done better than they did.

"We lost to Crown Point in first round of sectionals, and we shouldn't have," Hanson said. "We could've done better but we didn't take practice seriously."

The team faced problems such as inexperience and only having seven players.

"We were hurt by having such a small team," Laczi said. "We had no depth in our lineup to play the better teams."

As the season went along, the team surpassed their hopes which were to be competitive and enjoy themselves.

"Everyone continued to improve throughout the season," Sherry said. "We did it through hard work and the love of the game."

-Amanda Grcevich

The Numbers Add Up

3 The tennis team had this many fewer players than last year.

17% This is how many more games they won than the previous season

Front Row: John Hanson, Eric Laczi, Jeremy Martin, Paul Vala. Second Row: Matthew Sherry, Tim Maugendorfer, Michael Reyes. Not Pictured: Michael Hernandez

Photo by: Tony Papa

All the fans in the **Stands**

What is a good game without the fans? Chances are, it's not too exciting. Without the support of fans, the players may not always be as motivated to perform to the best of their ability.

"The best part of being a fan is the fact that you get to support your team," said sophomore **Scott Negrete**. "It also provides the team with some moral support."

As well as cheering on your team, going to a sporting event also gave people a chance to hang out with freinds.

"I go to games to support my tennis team," said senior **Meagan Clarke**. "It also gives me a chance to socialize with the people that go."

To many athletes fans were important. Fans motivated, encouraged and offered support to the athletes.

"Fans are important because they compel you to give it all you have," said senior **Joshua Martin** who was a member of the boys' swim team. "They're your fans and they are depending on you to win." *-Kevin Suba and Eric Salczynski*

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Show me your spirit

Cheering from the bleachers, a large group of students supports the girl's lacrosse team. The team, ranked fifth in the state, is one of the most successful.

Getting pumped

Pictured in Hammond, senior Christopher Troska, along with fellow Kyle Konopasek and Colin Banta try to get ready the great basketball team to play.

Photo by Tony Papa

Leader of the pack

Wearing their distinctive stripes, senior Paul Dudley supports the Tiger football team at Friday's homecoming game. The Tigers were the seventh-ranked team in Class AAA.

Having a blast

Taking a break in front of the Tiger bus, senior Laura Worley enjoys a cool fall day. "It was nice to have a little breeze," Worley said. "The weather was perfect for us," Laura said.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Ready to play

Having a little fun, senior Jason O'Donnell takes time out from preparing for a game against Wichita Heights. The Wildcats were known for their pre-game tailgate parties.

Getting defensive

In the face of junior **Nicholas Jovanovich**, head basketball coach **Tom Wells** criticized him for having the fourth Griffith team unable take third place in the Highland Tournament.

"Are you blind?"

Arguing a "questionable call" in American, head football coach **Russ Radke** screams at the referees. Radke has been coaching football for the past six years.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

19% Of the coaches are female.

Larry Parker holds the record for the most years as a coach. **29**

Photo by Tony Papa

Beyond the call of duty

As the Tigers far ch down to the wire, sophomore **Juliann Gajewski** is helped off the field by her sister, Jenny, assistant coach and **Vicki Negrete** looks on. Negrete volunteers her machine time for girls soccer.

On the sidelines

Sprinting to a goal from to a write-tie, head coach **Travis Wallis**, and assistant coaches **Mark Hidalgo** and **John Hanson** instruct him to go "freestyle" for the next period. Lake Station defeated Griffith at the meet.

One of the keys to any team is the authority figure, also called the coach. Some may think of the coach as a bad guy, but others think of him or her as person for their scrapbook.

Coaches are the type of people who can give memories that will last a lifetime, memories that can give a good laugh in the future. Sophomore **Elliott Miller** reflected on a funny moment with JV soccer coach **Ron Knestrict Jr.**

"In practice Jared Pierson got mad at coach," said Miller. "So they started wrestling and Jared threw coach Ron down to the ground."

Not all memories of a coach were funny. Some memories were about an outstanding move on the coach's behalf, according to head defensive coach **Dan McCoy.**

"One of my good memories of coach Radtke is when he out coached Carris at Andrean," said McCoy. "Andrean called a timeout and everyone was off the field but Radtke. He waited to see how Andrean set up and then called a timeout."

Leader of the **Pack**

For some coaches, winning the big games was where the memories were made. Varsity girls' basketball coach **Tim Powers** remembered last year's win at the sectional championship game.

"We were down ten going into the fourth quarter," said Powers. "The kids rallied back to win, they worked the hardest out of all the teams in the sectional. They deserved to win."

Good or bad, the coach had a huge impact on an athlete's career. They could make the difference between an ordinary moment and a memory that will last a lifetime.

-Kevin Suba and Jessica Everhart

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tom Pitts

Photo by Jeremy E. Martin

Making plans

Talking to the players, freshman boys' basketball coach **Kevin Sudac** gives freshmen **Ryan Blythe** and **Christopher Quintero** the game plan during the game.

Whistle while you coach

Wrestling at a swim meet, head swimming coach **Rob Gass** motivates him to go "super-sonic" high pitch whistle across the city, things the swimmers can hear under water.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
62	River Forest	42
56	Hammond High	34
50	Whiting	22
52	Merrillville	43
31	Highland	63
60	Wheeler	44
51	Lake Station	10
55	Andrean	68
55	Western	57
70	Elkhart Central	56
63	S.B. Riley	56
53	Calumet	23
70	Clark	41
65	Gary Roosevelt	63
45	Lowell	65
42	Morton	41
62	Hebron	35
39	Munster	50
68	Bishop Noll	55
35	Chesterton	50
62	Gavit	55
	Sectionals	
53	Gavit	52
58	Bishop Noll	43
40	Andrean	44

Showing team spirit

Exhibiting 4th trimester, junior Melissa Petersen cheers her team on. The Lady Panthers had three seniors, and had six returning lettermen.

Somebody help me!

Attempting a pass, junior Sarah Bacan tries to move around Andrean defenders who guarded her all tournament long. Bacan was an All Conference First Team pick.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Hoop Dreams

For some, it's an older brother or sister. For others, it's a great player. But for junior **Dana Zukanovich**, it was her dad.

"My dad got me started in basketball and coached me through high school," Zukanovich said. "Emily Coddington, Amber Farr, and a few other girls started playing with the boys' teams in fourth grade. We were the only girls."

Senior **La'Teisha Adams** got started when she was only about 8 or 9.

"Coach White asked me if I would be interested in trying out for basketball," Adams said. "I was in third grade. I didn't know anything about it because I'd never played before."

Many players have basketball hoops in their driveways or alleys. This is where junior **Amber Farr** first took up the game.

"We had a hoop out front," Farr said, "and my grandpa and I played every day outside. That was the first thing that got me into basketball. I loved it."

Junior **Sarah Bacan** got herself into the sport at a young age as well.

"I decided on my own to play in fifth grade and I'm glad I did," Bacan said. "I like everything about this sport; the roughness, the feeling when you make a winning shot, everything."

-Jessica Everhart

Please go in!

Making a quick shot, senior Laura Zagrocki jumps above Gavit opponents during the first Sectional game at Calumet. The Panthers beat the Gaviators in overtime, which advanced them to the second game the following night.

Front row: [illegible] Back row: [illegible] Chia Donnereau

Photo by Tony Papa

Going up?

Jumping past African defenders and taking a routine hook, senior Erica Head makes the easy shot. The Lady Panthers are usually on top of the Tigers, but eventually lost the game.

Holding on

Reaching for the ball, junior Emily Coddington [illegible] junior Elaine Parker. Due to Coddington's size, she has [illegible] rebounds, 38 blocks, the most accolades, ending the season with 106.

Front row: [illegible] Back row: [illegible]

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The Numbers Add Up

This is the number of points scored per game: **54**

This is how many games the Lady Panthers won in overtime: **3**

Photo by Tony Papa

It's all in the wrist

Lunging toward the basket, senior Anne Medsker prepares to shoot the ball. The Medsker's first year letter in [illegible] was quite a jump after having played on JV for the last two years.

Photo by Tony Papa

Close company

Trying around the same left, junior Amber Farr tries to maneuver to pass to. Farr drive the leaders for most points scored in a season with 303, the second highest number of points scored in a game.

Varsity
Front row: Jeremy Brazton, Paul Dudek (mgr.), Christopher Kosa, Second row: Meesa Hart (mgr.), Matthew Thon, Jim Tepstra, Kevin Wazo, Matthew Ura, Coleen Veachey (mgr.), Back row: Tammy Heft (mgr.), William Lavolette (mgr.), Matthew Sherry, Nicholas Jovanovich, Tom Wells (coach), Matthew Bane, Marko Petrovic, Richard Kretz (coach), Jim Hochsteter (coach).

Junior Varsity
Front row: Jared Smith, Ethan Jones, Michael Pettigrew, Antonio Protesta, Shawn Sousa, Back row: Matthew Thon, Demetrius Berry, Jared Pierson, Richard Kretz (coach), Matt Amira, Michael Reyna, Alex Johnson

The basketball team had both tough and thrilling times throughout their season. Amidst the difficulties the team was faced with, there were still exciting moments.

"We were playing at Andrean, and we were on TV and on the radio. We had the ball with three minutes to go and we were down by five," said head varsity basketball coach **Tom Wells**. "The crowd was as loud as I've ever heard them. It was a pretty exciting game to play in."

Although the team lost a couple of players due to injuries and grades, they were still able to have a successful year.

"The biggest accomplishment this year," said junior **Matthew Sherry**, "was being able to stay focused as a team through all of the adversities."

In addition to the big "basketball" moments, the team was also able to have fun in their own way. Despite their loss during sectionals they became closer and pulled through to still have a successful season.

-Kevin Suba and Candice Peters

The Numbers Add Up

85 This is the most points the team scored in a single game.

64.9 The basketball team averaged an average of 64.9 points per game.

Rising to the Occasion

Shooting the ball
Going a little far, junior Matthew Thon drives to take fade and tries for two points. Thon played varsity and JV basketball this year, along with Cross Country and golf.

Photo by: Tom Pina

Photo by Tony Papa

Soaring to the hoop

Leaping for a rebound, senior Nicholas Jovanovich reaches for it in and above the paint. Two-point-ish, Jovanovich was a returning player, and was able to contribute often and to the team.

Making the moves

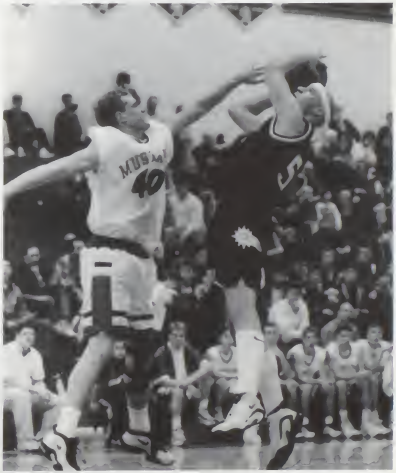
Getting ready to shoot, senior Christopher Troksa takes a jump shot with teammate. "Basketball was my sport because it kept me in shape and I like the competition," said Troksa.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Scoreboard

Us		Them
84	Hebron	66
53	Highland	50
76	Lake Station	53
72	Hanover Central	59
57	Andrean	69
70	North Newton	48
83	Calumet	57
70	Wheeler	53
85	Lowell	60
66	Morton	57
79	Hobart	58
75	Munster	81
52	Clark	49
50	Bishop Noll	38
58	Crown Point	93
56	Gavit	47
57	Hammond High	63
48	Whiting	44
	Sectionals	
62	Andrean	76



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Piling on the floor

Untied as a team, the muskies get in a huddle to jump themselves up before the game. A few seconds prior, the cheerleaders and Pantherettes formed a runway for their big entrance.

Flying through the air

Shooting the ball, senior Luke Person concentrating on sinking the hoop. Person has been playing basketball for many years.

Talk to me

Talking to a fellow teammate, junior, middle weight Mark Covert, one of Lanphier's leaders, Marquis Ruff the wrestler had to be certain to keep the weights down, along with pressure, exercising and conditioning.

Pucker up

Attempting to pin the Lake Station wrestler, Dylan Ne Gaus, freshmen Mario Ruff applies a head lock to pulling down Gaus's shoulders towards the mat. This was the first home match of the season for the Lanphier.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Front row: Luke Tiley, Eric Bellamy, Douglas Rivera, Melvin Johnson, Jake Schulze, Kenny Samuel Hughes, Kenny Bellamy, Brett Rosenfield, Joshua Hawkins, **Second row:** Brian Lorenzen, Justin Swentzel, Craig Boyle, Jonathan Rosewell, Luke Alexander, Frank Kinman, Mark Covert, Jerome Williams, Brandon Jackson, Kenny Bryant, **Back row:** Travis Wade, Quentin, Marc Helaiao (asst. coach), Robert Brashford, Lance Alexander, Chauncey Wells, Jeffrey Wessel, William Barriga, Mark Gill, Justin Gowins, John Larson, Ryan Baldwin, Pete Rattle (asst. coach), John Hickson (asst. coach)

Photo by Tony Papa

Ready for action

Struggling to get into position, sophomore Kenny Bellamy wrestles against an East Chicago wrestler, Mike Enoc. The team consisted of 28 members.

Don't let go!

Pinning his opponent down, senior Eric Bellamy attempts to flip him over onto his back. This was Bellamy's first year lettering.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
0	Valparaiso	78
15	Gavit	63
12	Elkhart Memorial	72
0	Chesterton	74
57	Brebeuf (Indy)	15
0	Goshen	75
22	Bishop Noll	48
0	Bellmont	81
0	Main West	78
6	East Chicago Central	70
24	Lake Station	57
12	Highland	61
40	Hammond High	28
12	Chesterton	57
27	Andrean	57
3	Portage	78
3	Lowell	72
41	S.B. Riley	32
33	Lake Station	51
42	Hammond High	42
59	Lew Wallace	12
3	Lowell	70
6	Munster	66
30	Andrean	48
42	Kankakee Valley	36
45	Boone Grove	33
0	Lowell	78
36	Morton	40
16	Calumet	63
36	Morton	36
35	Lake Station	48
15	Highland	64
30	Gavit	53

Photo by Tony Papa

Work that body

Working out in the weight room, junior John Hanson works on his upper body strengthening. Hanson qualified for the sectionals in the 103 pound weight class.

The human pretzel

Straining with his opponent, freshman Douglas Pondo tries to score points. Pondo was one of only three wrestlers, and the only freshman, to make it to sectionals.

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

17 This is the biggest the Panthers won by in a single meet.

13 This is the number of first-year wrestlers.

Putting on the Moves

Photo by Tony Papa

With only one returning senior and only a few juniors, the young, inexperienced wrestling team had to take a lot of time out of conditioning and practice to teach new things. But sophomore **Mark Govert** said that the coaches did a good job of keeping practices moving.

"We were all basically learning together," Govert said, "except that there was so much we needed to learn."

Senior captain **Jeffrey Vessell**, who advanced to semi-state, said that injuries also hurt the team.

"Many key people were out this season with injuries," Vessell said. "I don't know if we wrestled with a full team all season."

Though the team had some difficulties filling all the weight classes because of their small turnout, they did come together and supported each other on and off the mats.

"After Christmas, we went bowling and had a spaghetti party as a team," Govert said.

Sometimes at meets, nerves could get the best of new wrestlers. But the team was rarely nervous, instead turning their "butterflies" into energy and enthusiasm.

"The rookies brought a lot of excitement to the meets," sophomore **Justin Grimmer** said.

Though their record wasn't as good as they had hoped it would be, there were many individual records and goals reached. *-Jessica Everhart*

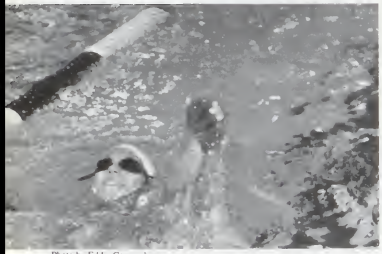
Kick, kick, kick

Maintaining way above the pool, freshman **Lacey Hall** practices her kicking technique. Hall was a member of both the record-breaking 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Laid back

Improving her technique, sophomore **Veronica Solis** swims backstroke during practice. Solis is matic devotion to this style of swimming earned her the nickname of "backstroke."

Photo by Eddie Covarrubias



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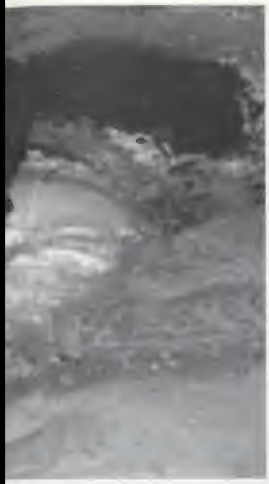
Giving it her all

Taking a breath, sophomore **Hannah Zemke** swims freestyle during a meet. Zemke swam the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 4:54.00.

Breathing hard

Catching her breath, sophomore **Stephanie Bridgeforth** practices her freestyle. Bridgeforth was one of two team captains, a rare honor for a junior captain. Foot Geese wearing green.



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Almost there
Swimming down the lane, senior Melissa Steapleton practices the breaststroke. Steapleton was the only senior on the team and was also a team captain.

The Numbers Add Up

4 The girls set this many new records throughout the season.

1 This is the number of seniors that were on the team for four straight years.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
72	Lowell	114
96	Gavit	90
81	Highland	105
85	Hobart	101
83	Munster	103
84	Rensselaer	101
	Griffith Invite- 2nd	
66	Merrillville	105
	Lake Central Invite- 3rd	
75.5	Crown Point	108.5
90	Hammond High	3
81	Morton	27
44	Lake Central	141
109	Kankakee Valley	77
135	Bishop Noll	34
	LAC- 3rd	
	Frosh/Soph LAC- 5th	
	Sectionals- 4th	

A stroke of Luck

With only 14 swimmers on their team, the girls' swim team had to work even harder to reach their goals. For many, the goal was to beat Gavit.

"Gavit is our biggest rival," said freshman **Shannon Churitch**. "We wanted to prove that we were better than them."

While the girls took fourth to Gavit at Sectionals, they managed to get third at the Lake Conference meet. Some team members thought that their success was due to the strong camaraderie of the team.

"The best thing about the season was that we all got along," said junior **Mary Belcher**. "We grew closer not only as teammates, but as friends as well."

Even though the numbers weren't there, the girls had a successful season, breaking four school records along the way. *-Josh Martin*

I believe I can fly

Practicing his dives, senior Daniel Santare tries to jump as high as he can. Santare was the only senior diver for the boys and also earned the title of top diver.

Giving praise

Congratulations from Josh Martin are given to senior, Rob Gass. Gass received the Best Varsity Athlete award and was the first coach to win more than four.

Photo by Brenda Michalak

Photo by Tony Papa

Front row: [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Third row: [illegible] Back row: [illegible]

Photo by Tony Papa

Leap of faith

Diving in head first, junior Eric Scott tries to get an advantage over his competition. Many swimmers felt that the start of the race was important because it power swims through air than water.

Preparing for battle

Pictured in their Dec. 9 team photo, the girls' swim team was ready to display some "figures." Although swamped with more than a full two weeks of their season, they had very few chances to use the dive block.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
88	Highland	95
99	Hobart	87
	Munster Relays- 6th	
101	Rensselaer	82
102	Merrillville	84
	Lake Central Invite- 2nd	
115	Calumet	71
80	Crown Point	106
91	Hammond High	9
74	Morton	27
69	Munster	116
64	Portage	122
50	Lake Central	136
121	Kankakee Valley	60
116	Lowell	53
	LAC- 2nd	
	Frosh/Soph LAC- 5th	
	Sectionals- 3rd	
	IHSAA State- 29th	

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Going the distance

Continuing the home run, junior Everett Mull practices the freestyle. Mull took rest at the beginning of the season due to a knee injury.

The Numbers Add Up

5 The boys broke this many records at their Sectional swim meet.

17% This much of the team was made up of seniors.

Into the Blue Again

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Second Team All Conference. Not a title that the boys' swim team has ever earned in this decade. Until now.

The boys overcame Highland at the Lake Conference meet in order to take second place. Many of the swimmers felt that this was the most outstanding achievement of the season.

"I was very pleased when we beat Highland at Conference," said senior **David Schaffenberger**. "We haven't beat Highland at Conference or even a meet in quite a few years."

Several boys attributed the team's success to the outstanding effort that the team put forward at Conference.

"We had some excellent swims at Conference," said sophomore **Jason Kane**. "Our second-string relays were a big part of our victory."

While the team had hoped for a second place Sectional finish, they fell short of their goal. Numerous swimmers felt that the team still swam well.

"We broke many records during Sectionals and put up an excellent fight," said Kane. "Highland just got us in the end."

Even though the season had its ups and downs, some of the athletes felt that it was the best it could be.

"I don't think we could have swam any better or with any more intensity than we did," said Schaffenberger. "If we had it all to do again, I don't think we'd change a thing."

-Josh Martin

Shaking it

Performing a cheer during halftime, senior Temille Grasha, sophomore Ashley Wilson and senior Amanda Kasper get into the cheer. "Cheering for basketball is so much better than football because we get to do floor cheers," Wilson said.

At the top

Providing some extra entertainment, the Varsity cheerleaders do a stunt at a basketball game. The cheerleaders cheered at 27 basketball games and to the fall they also cheered at every football game.

Photo by Tony Papa

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The Numbers Add Up

This was the first 1 year the cheerleaders stayed at Griffith for summer camp.

This is the number of 3 seniors that have cheered together on the same squad for the past five years.

Photo by Tony Papa

Jumping for a win

Shouting out a cheer over the Varsity cheerleaders do a dance during the girls' home basketball game. "This was my first year coaching and I really enjoyed it," Liann Morgan, cheerleading sponsor.

The last game

Doing the splits in perfect sync, senior Andrea Reed shows off her cheerleading skills at Griffith's home game against Plymouth. "It was sad because it was the seniors' last time cheering at a football game," Reed said.

Photo by Tony Papa

Front Row: Jennifer Grasha, Jennifer Vannoni, Amanda Kasper, Joan Doppler, Andrea Peed Back Row: Lana Melton, Michelle Prewitt, Danielle Peters, Ashley Wilson, Kara Kniles, Diana Bailas, Christy Bumbales

Not just Cheering

Cheerleading may appear so easy that anyone could do it. However there is more to cheerleading than yelling really loud at games.

Cheerleaders have to constantly work hard at perfecting difficult stunts and making up new cheers.

They also provide a lot of support to the team by making signs, decorating lockers and cheering at home and away games.

One of the hardest things about cheerleading was having to cheer in front of big crowds, according to sophomore **Michelle Prewitt.**

"I was pretty scared my first couple of times cheering" Prewitt said, "but we have to do it so much that you get used to it."

Teaching at little girls camp was the best thing about cheerleading, according to sophomore **Christy Bumbales.**

"It was really fun to teach all the little kids dances, and the camp that we went to was also really fun because we learned new cheers and dances," she said.

The cheerleaders did their best to provide the games with new entertainment and spread school spirit. *-Kellie Sternberg*

Photo by Tony Papa

Yelling for it

Cheering for auditory, senior Joan Doppler leads the cheer as sophomore Christy Bumbales follows. The cheerleaders practiced twice a week and sometimes more to perfect their cheers and dances.

Trapped

Surrounded by the Irish defenders, junior Matthew Sherry tries to weave his way through to the basket. Sherry played on the varsity basketball team for the past two years, and on the tennis team since his freshman year.

One... Two... Three...

Junior David Colby prepares to throw the shot put during practice. Colby managed to put out a first place win at the Conference meet, even after sustaining a bright red, bruise along with a muscle under his shoulder blade earlier in the season.

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Dribbling away

Attempting a lay-up, senior Laura Zagrocki tries to get around a tall Gavit defender. Zagrocki received the Athletic Hall of Fame award, which was chosen by an executive committee of teachers at Recognition Night.

Photo by Tony Papa

The Awards Add Up

1st Team All Conference

Sarah Bacan (volleyball, basketball)
Paul Blalnunka (golf)
Jeremy Bazen (soccer)
Amber Farr (basketball)
Juliann Gajewski (soccer)
Michelle Gaddini (soccer)
John Hanson (tennis)
Ryan Hill (football)
Christopher Hitt (football, baseball)
Joseph Homoky (soccer)
Eric Laczi (tennis)
David Lopez (football, soccer)
Erick Maciszak (football)
Erik Negrete (football)
Luke Pierson (football)
Matthew Sherry (tennis, basketball)
Craig Sims (soccer)
Kevin Sinha (baseball)
Jim Terpstra (basketball, baseball)
Larry Turner (football)
Lindsay Vrane (soccer)
Laura Zagrocki (softball)

Other special awards

Male Athlete of the Years-Jim Terpstra (basketball, baseball)
Dave Lopez (football, soccer, track)
Female Athlete of the Years-Laura Zagrocki (softball, cross-country, basketball)
Susan L. Anderson Memorial Award for Courage-
Scott Gierman (cross-country, track)
Melissa Steapleton (swimming)

Photo by Tony Papa

Booting the ball

Kicking the ball, senior David Lopez takes a soccer ball at the final goal. The sophomore proved to be the winning kick against Hobart in the regular season game. Lopez was the only GHS athlete to play two sport competitively, and received honors in Football.

Pumping up Their minds

"MVP" is pretty self-explanatory- the strongest member on the team. And the player who improves the most gets the "Most Improved" award. But what constitutes getting the "Best Mental Attitude" award?

Freshman swimmer **Lacey Hall** thought that her positive attitude helped her get this award.

"I tried not to show that I was discouraged," Hall said, "even when things weren't going good for me."

Junior **Michael Cservenak** "encouraged" his cross country team throughout the season, which earned him the award.

"I always reminded the team that we were not in last place," Cservenak said.

Junior **Kathryn LaFayette** also received this award by motivating her soccer team.

"I tried to keep the team in good spirits throughout the season, even during the drills and games in pratice," LaFayette said.

Though the Best Mental Attitude award may be overlooked as an insignificant honor, those who do receive it will remember it for a lifetime. *-Jessica Everhart*

Photo by Tony Papa

And here comes the pitch

Just sit out ready to release the ball, senior Jim Terpstra pitches during a game against Hammond High. Terpstra received numerous awards in basketball and baseball throughout his high school career.

Photo by Tony Papa

Go for the goal

Moving the ball down the field, junior Lindsay Vrane dribbles the ball with an opponent at her side. Vrane had been an active member on the soccer team since her freshman year, and had participated in soccer since elementary school.

Huddle it up

Sometimes they were used to fire up the team. Other times, it was to settle the team down. So what did these "pow-wows" mean for athletes?

Sophomore **Lisa Carroll** said that they helped out her soccer team because they either talk about the good things they did, or the things they need to improve on.

"They help us because they keep us focused on the game," Carroll said, "and help us improve for the next half of our game."

Sometimes the team was not getting enough support from the crowd. For junior **Demetrios Georgis**, they really got him fired up and ready to play.

"They can be very encouraging during a game, especially if you are losing," Georgis said. "If the crowd is quiet, it's a lot harder to get pumped up."

Sophomore **Julie Rutledge** initiated some 'one on one' pow-wows during softball games. She would walk over to the pitcher's mound and give the pitcher some encouragement.

"When the pitcher gets down because the umpire isn't calling anything, I go talk to her to reassure her that she's doing fine," Rutledge said. "It keeps her head in the game and helps her to keep focused. It also gives her a break to calm down."

At times, teams got together in a huddle just to have some fun. For instance, the cross country team, usually led by juniors **Joshua Banning** and **Jason Tomcsi**, didn't even talk about the meet in these conferences.

"We would clap out the rhythm to the '70s classic funk song, 'Carwash,'" senior **Scott Gierman** said. "It made the meets more fun."

By coming together and either talking about what needed to be done or clapping out a song, the teams helped each other out and sometimes even turned a frustrating moment into an uplifting experience.

-Jessica Everhart and Eric Salczynski

The Numbers Add Up

100% The number of times the softball team huddled during defense when there was no one on base and an out was made.

14 This is the number of times the boys' swim team huddled up as a team during the season before a meet.

Photo by: Tony Pagra

Go, go get 'em...

Huddling up before the double header against Fenwick, juniors Samantha Quintero and Nancy Robles, and seniors Laura Zagrocki and Marisa Garibay along with the rest of the team get ready to cheer. Before every game the team played, they would get together and do the traditional cheer, which started out "Go, go get 'em, get 'em, go, get 'em, go..."

Photo by Tony Papa

Study break

Keeping with some homework at their feet, sophomores Angelina Alvarez and Breanne Steagall talk before their track meet. "My teammates pump me up when we get together," Steagall said. "Hey, to me that I'm better than my opponents."

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Making the save

Getting out some aggressive moves, head baseball coach Tom Wells said a good defensive during a timeout. His comments, a blend of praise, these "pow-wows" were used to make either defensive or offensive points.

Let's go "O"

Concentration for a play in progress, the freshman baseball team huddles their gaze at bat before heading to bat. "In between innings, the coach tells us what we need to do to win," freshman catcher Nate Spitz said.

No leaders to **Follow**

Many teams have certain leaders or captains that the other members can look up to and follow, but for the girls track team it was a different story. There were no captains chosen for the season. That wasn't the only thing that was different. **Eric Schreiber**, history, took over as the new coach with his wife, Adrienne, who helped coach the distance events.

This was sophomore **Angelina Alvarez**'s second year on track and she said the major difference was the new coaches.

"I really liked the coaches a lot," Alvarez said, "because they pushed us harder and expected a lot of dedication from us."

The team was really young because it was mainly made up of freshmen and sophomores. Sophomore **Melissa Gaddini** said that it's good the team is so young because if everyone works at it, the team will get a lot better.

"The bad part about having so few upperclassmen is the fact that nobody really leads the team at practices and that can cause some to slack off," Gaddini said. *-Kellie Sternberg*

Photo by Matt Fliter

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Stretching it

Helping her teammate, sophomore Lindsay Powers make a stretch, junior Lara Gonzalez stretches good before running. "The best moment in track was when my relay team won," Powers said.

Photo by Matt Fliter

She's going for speed...

Giving it a 'run' junior Kasheena Green works at finishing the 100 meter dash. This was Green's first year in track.

She's going the distance...
Leaping into the air, junior Mary Belcher concentrates on getting her best jump at Sectionals. Belcher was the top jumper last year on the relay team.

Lots of power
Going for distance, sophomore Kathleen Vanek puts all her effort into this shot put event at Sectionals. Vanek was the only member of the team to advance to Regionals, where she received a ninth place finish.

Photo by Tony Papa

Scoreboard

Us	Them	
47	East Chicago	31
	Gary Roosevelt	27
	Mount Assisi	31
	Noll	108
20	Valparaiso	94
LAC Indoor Invite-6th		
88	Hammond	44
	Lake Station	14
40	Munster	67
	Andrean	49
Highland Invite- 6th		
Munster Invite- 4th		
Calumet Invite- 7th		
59	Morton	70
	Gavit	22
LAC Conf. Meet- 8th		
LAC Fr./ So. Invite- 4th		
Sectionals- 6th		

The Numbers Add Up

1 The number of seniors on the girls track team.

8th The track team's final overall place in conference.

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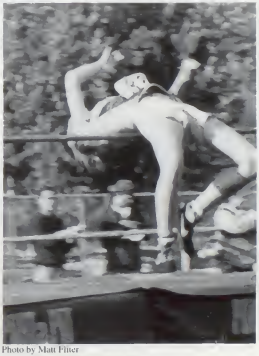

Photo by Matt Filizer

Clearing the bar
Anything for a laugh, sophomore Shauna Santare barely makes it over the bar. "I hit, I jump to something I really enjoy doing," Santare said, "that is why I work so hard at it."

Going for height

Jumping with ease, sophomore Mark Amos goes the bar. Amos jumped four sections while nursing a wet and still sore ankle.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Gaining strength

After winning the 100 meters in the 4x100 relay, senior William Torres turns a rest. Torres was on the number one relay team with teammates sophomore Tyler Radtke, junior Shawn Medeker, and senior Joe Schultz.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Matt Fliter

Jumping for victory

Flipping over the bar, senior Kent Elliot placed first at the Highland sectionals. Elliot was the only member of the track team to advance to regionals.

Working together

Passing a baton, sophomore Mark Forster gets ready to pass the baton off to his teammates. Each member of the 3200 meter relay had to run 800 meters of the race, which is two laps in the track.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Going the Distance

Remember the distance runners? You know, the runners that were thought to be the weak spot on the team for the past couple of years? Well, if you have been paying attention or even kind of following their season, you would know that this is no longer the case. With most of the sprinters graduating, the distance runners have carried the team this year.

"We improved a lot from last year," said senior **Scott Gierman**. "The distance team is going to be tough in years to come."

All of their success didn't come without hard work and hours of running on the track and bike trail. They even had days when they swam in the pool to recuperate from a hard practice or meet the day before. This was a way for them to have a break without totally slacking off. Practices were five to six days a week, but that wasn't enough for a couple of runners.

"Scott Gierman and I go running every Sunday morning at the Dunes," said senior **Jeremy Bratton**.

All of their hard work and dedication paid off for the Panthers. Bratton was always a top finisher in the mile and two-mile races. Their 3200 meter relay, consisting of Gierman, sophomore **Victor Sendejas**, freshman **Adam Wilbert**, and sophomore **Mark Forster**, also had a couple of first place finishes.

"All the hard work didn't bother me," said sophomore **Matt Fliter**. "It made me feel good to know that I was doing something to improve myself and my running."

-Julie Rutledge

The Numbers Add Up

5 The cross team only had seniors on the team this year.

1 The track team only had members advance to Regionals.

Front row: [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Third Row: [illegible] Fourth Row: [illegible]

Photo by Matt Fliter

Getting fixed up

Sitting on the training table, junior Bobby Lassiter gets his leg looked at by the trainer. Lassiter hurt his hamstring while at practice.

Under the tag

Sliding into third base, junior Samantha Adame tries to make it to the base in time at the Franklin fields. Adame received the Best Mental Attitude Award for softball at the spring sports banquet.

Playin' it safe

Watching the play at first, junior Samantha Quintero takes a lead off at second base at Merrillville. Quintero played a little at first and third base, but mostly was a designated hitter.

Photo by Tony Papa

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Chug-a-lug

Gulping down water in between innings, junior Carrie Gitzmier takes a break during the first Sectional game at Merrillville against Lowell. Gitzmier was pulled up throughout the season to play outfield or pitch, and also dressed for Sectionals.

Varsity

Front row: Samantha Adame, Traci Burrell, Erin Coddington, Michele Gutka, Nicole Huber, Christy Bumbales **Second row:** Samantha Quintero, Laura Dagrosa, Carrie Gitzmier, Carrie Petrosa, Julie Flutebaum, Nichole Popowich **Back row:** Melissa Shammert (coach), Nancy Robles, Sarah Balzan, Michelle Castillo (coach), Jessica Everhart, Marissa Garibay, Dave Lopez (coach)

Junior Varsity

Front row: Stephanie Rozniowski, Veronica Sgalla, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Courtney Shebek **Second row:** Jessica Nowel, Nicole Popowich, Angela Serrato, Lindsay Beagle **Back row:** Michele Castillo (coach), Sara Palmer, Andrea Melendez, Melissa Shammert (coach), Selena Saldana, Amanda Mitchell, Dave Lopez (coach)

Strike one

Finishing her pitch, sophomore Sara Palmer releases the ball during a JV game against Penwood. Palmer was the pitcher on the JV team, and was pulled up to dress varsity for Sectionals.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
8	Boone Grove	0
1	Crown Point	4
1	Highland	2
2	Fenwick	3
0	Fenwick	14
10	Lake Station	0
0	Hobart	2
3	Andrean	5
10	Calumet	0
3	Lowell	4
3	Morton	1
0	Munster	0
0	Munster	9
5	Kankakee Valley	5
3	Hammond High	2
5	Clark	3
2	Bishop Noll	0
0	Lake Central	2
13	Gavit	2
0	Portage	1
0	Lake Central	1
3	Whiting	1
3	Shenandoah	1
7	Highland	2
0	Merrillville	4
0	Hanover Central	3
0	Valparaso	1
3	South Bend Riley	2
3	South Bend Washington	1
3	Merrillville	4
	Sectionals	
6	Lowell	0
2	Highland	1
2	Lake Central	7

Photo by Tony Papa

Three up, three down

Waiting for the inning to yell their way out the door, the three out fielders, junior **Emily Coddington**, senior **Marisa Garibay**, and sophomore **Christy Bumbales** sit in center field. Both Coddington and Garibay have played softball since their freshman years, but this was Bumbales' first year.

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

17.5 This is the total number of hits the team made.

.081 This was the combined final ERA the two pitchers had at the end of the season.

A run at the End

You know the saying- almost only counts in horse shoes, hand grenades and atom bombs. This expression usually applies, but not for the softball team. Throughout the entire season, the games that were lost were only lost by a couple of runs. The team was almost never blown out, and every game was a close battle.

"When we played teams like Merrillville, L.C. and Munster, we never quit, and no one gave up," junior **Samantha Quintero** said. "The only time we got beat by a lot of runs was at the beginning of the season, and we were still adjusting to the new coaches and team."

The key things that kept the team from sliding past these tough teams were minor errors. Sophomore **Carrie Petroski** said that if the team could have eliminated the few bloopers in each game, they could have won more.

"It was upsetting because we could have beaten a lot of the teams we played," Petroski said. "We just had little mistakes, and if we could have just picked it up a little, we could have done it."

The team went into sectionals with a record under .500 and were not expected to get past the first round against Lowell. But their bats were on fire and they easily rolled past the Red Devils. Then came the Highland match-up, and with the help of a lot of fans, the team squeezed their way by them and into a second place finish in the sectional championship game against Lake Central. So though this season wasn't a game of horse shoes where points are scored for being close, the softball team stirred up a lot of attention and definitely ended their season with a bang.

-Jessica Everhart

Scoreboard

Us		Them
3	Highland	3
5	Munster	2
10	Wheeler	0
15	Gary Roosevelt	1
12	Hoover Central	0
10/7	Kankakee Valley	3/6
7	Highland	2
17	Lake Station	1
1	Andrean	11
5	Crown Point	6
3	Calumet	1
3	Lowell	0
12	Morton	2
5	Munster	2
6	Clark	3
8/12	North Judson	7/2
9	Bishop Noll	5
5	Gavit	4
4	Hammond High	3
2	Whiting	0
8	Lake Central	9
4	E.C. Central	7
7	Hobart	5
	LAC Tourney	
14	Clark	1
5	Munster	3
13	Highland	9
	Sectionals	
10	Gavit	2

Using his power

Making contact with the ball, senior **Ian Flores** does his best to put the ball into play. Flores was a utility player for the team, playing first and third bases, and pitching.

Photo by Tony Papa

Keeping the books

Writing down the stats, junior **Christopher Hill** keeps one pitching chart for the pitcher in the mound. Hill was a starting and relief pitcher plus a third baseman for the team.

Photo by Tony Papa

Lasting Memories

It was a season that will most likely be remembered by many for many years to come. The varsity baseball team had a year full of exciting moments and memories.

"My most exciting moment of the year was coming into the Conference Championship," said junior **Christopher Hill**, "I shut down Highland to help my team win."

The year for the Panthers was keyed hugely on the word "team." The Panthers learned what it takes to win as a team.

"We played hard as a team all season long," said coach **Brian Jennings**. "Everything we got, we earned."

The season was more than just baseball for some. Being a part of something can be just enough for someone.

"It was cool being on the team because I finally felt like I was a part of something," said senior **Brandon Shropshire**, "I'm happy we had a good season and that we were sectional champs."

-Kevin Suba and Jessica Everhart

Laying it down

Sacrificing for the team, junior **Christopher Brookhart** does what he can to put down the point for the team. "Winning was fun and we won the whole year long," Brookhart said.

Junior Varsity
Front row: Kenneth Daines, Liam Zelle, Mark Governi, Timothy Hubbard, Matthew Callender, Peter Bathurst, Brad Sowinski, Anthony Fortesta, Back Row: Michael Nelenman, Matthew Hale, Pat Murdock (coach), Matthew Lewis, Jack Johnson, Nicholas Planer.

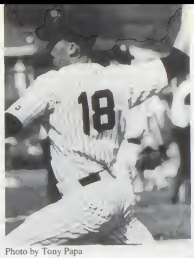


Photo by Tony Papa

Blowing gas

Throwing the ball to the plate, senior **Jim Terpstra** tosses the a strike. "I think the season will be remembered for a long time by the players, coaches, parents, and our loyal fans," Terpstra said.

Playing it safe

Taking a lead off of first, senior **David Mazzocco** tries to get a good jump towards second. Mazzocco played left field all season long.

Varsity
Front Row: Melissa Steapleton (mgr.), Jason Daines, Jonathan Crawford, Amanda Manuel (mgr.), Second row: Jennifer Hamme (mgr.), Jason Lebatis, William Phillips, Kyle Thompson, Michael Matthews, Jim Flores, Dave Sowinski, Andrew Farr (mgr.), Back Row: David Mazzocco, Christopher Troksa, Jim Terpstra, Chris Shachmann (coach), Brian Jennings (coach), Kevin Suba, Brandon Shropshire, Ryan Hill, Paul Dudley (mgr.)

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

17% The percentage of people who are thirteen or older on the team.

23 The number of regular season wins for the varsity team.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Waiting on deck

Swinging the bat, junior **Kevin Suba** gets ready to go up to the plate. Suba was a designated hitter for the team but also played catcher and first base.

Photo by Tony Papa

Looking in the ball

Taking the ball, senior **Christopher Troksa** makes the routine play. Troksa played first base and pitched for the team.

Order in The Court

Three different coaches in three years. How does a team get used to a new person every year? The girls' tennis team knows a lot about this subject.

After losing long-term coach **Tim Maluga**, the girls had to get used to the new tennis coach, **Scott Baker**.

"The most difficult thing about this season was dealing with the changes going along with a new coach," junior **Claire Hudacin** said. "Scott [Baker] is the complete opposite of Tim [Maluga]. He has new ways of doing things."

Hudacin said Baker gave all the girls individual attention, which helped improve their play, according to sophomore **Stacie Kapciak**.

"The coach taught me how to be a stronger hitter and how to improve my serve," Kapciak said.

Senior **Meagan Clarke** said that Baker worked the girls harder than previous coaches.

"Coach Baker was extremely rough on us," Clarke said. "He only wanted people out there who tried their hardest."

Though the team didn't have a winning season, Kapciak said it was memorable when they won as a team. *-Susan Huss*

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

1 The number of seniors on the girls' tennis team.

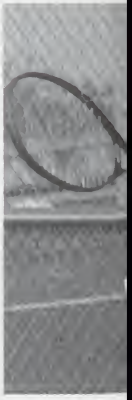
3 The number of freshmen on the girls' tennis team.

Photo by Tony Papa

Front Row: Lindsay Chapa, Christina Gowert, [illegible], Rache[illegible], Jennifer Sims
Second Row: Scott Baker (coach), Julie Cade, Stacie Kapciak, Kelly Davis, Meagan Clarke

Scoreboard

Us		Them
4	Whiting	1
1	Lake Station	4
1	Chesterton	4
4	Morton	1
0	Merrillville	5
0	Crown Point	5
4	Hammond High	1
2	Bishop Noll	3
1	Lowell	4
2	Calumet	3
0	Andrean	5
0	Munster	5
0	Highland	5
LAC Tourney, 9th		
2	River Forest	3
1	Sectionals	4



Taking the lead

Thinking on her feet, senior Meagan Clarke prepares for her serve. "Tennis gives me a sense of accomplishment. It has helped me with my confidence and sense of belonging," Clarke said.

On the lookout

Leaping for a swing through, freshman Julie Cadle covers the court. "The funniest part of the season was when every one won their match and we all celebrated together," Cadle said.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Matt Fliter

Fighting the sun

Squinting in the light, junior Christina Govert prepares to return a shot. Govert played number three singles. "The year was different because we only had 10 games plus retreat of last year," Govert said.

On the line

Stretching to reach the ball, junior Claire Hudacin makes a return while playing doubles with junior Lindsay Chapa. "The year was different because we had a new coach who did things different to," Hudacin said.

Photo by Tony Papa

Going for the birdie

Lining up the shot, senior **Timothy Turkowski** prepares to hit the put. Turkowski, one of two seniors on the team, was chosen the recipient of the Best Mental Attitude for varsity.

Scoreboard

Us		Them
179	Lake Station	301
174	Andrean	167
183	Calumet	256
190	Lowell	177
161	Morton	194
187	Munster	180
171	Clark	228
363	KV Invite	
181	Bishop Noll	199
175	Gavit	175
357	Ubele Invite	
166	Highland	172
167	Hammond	235
186	Hanover Central	187
353	IaConetti Invite	
163	Whiting	213
355	LAC Invite	
344	Lake Central	312
367	Sectionals	

Front Row: Timothy Papa, Timothy Turkowski, Nicolas Lacchini, Angel Velez **Second Row:** Derek Bythe, Adam Wanisbaugh, Brett Bierman, Kyle Mann, Josh Moon, Marc Brady **Third Row:** Larry Parker(coach), Matthew Thon, Paul Blahunka, Bryan King, Thomas Melton, Tom Weis(coach)

Photo by Matt Flier

And the winner is.....

Showing off with anticipation, senior members **Marc Brady** and **Angel Velez** wait for the awards to be given after dinner at the Spring Sports Banquet. Brady, in the first year on the team, was voted junior varsity MVP.

Leader of the pack

Keeping his eyes on the ball, junior **Paul Blahunka** aims the ball towards the hole. Blahunka was ranked first on varsity, was selected varsity MVP, and was named to First Team All Conference.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Like father, like son

Taking over their stations, sophomore **Joshua Moon** and his father, Moon and his father participate with the team members in their first father-son golf tournament.

It's all in the numbers

Writing down the scores, junior **Matthew Thon** is assigned to keep the bag. Thon plays in varsity and was seen by to second team All-Conference.

Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

3 [illegible] golfers made First or Second Team All-Conference.

6 [illegible] the team members have played golf at least one year.

Being the best isn't always the most important thing. Sometimes being average, having fun, and getting free golf is all that it takes to make a season enjoyable. Although not a bad season, the team never had high expectations.

"When we saw our scores at the start of the season, we only had mediocre expectations," senior **Anthony Papa** said. "We pretty much knew that we wouldn't be great."

The team had some fun during the season. The first father-son golf tournament was held and players and coaches played each other.

"My favorite part about being on the team was being able to beat coaches [Larry] Parker and [Tom] Wells in a game of golf," junior **Paul Blahunka** said.

Blahunka was the brightest spot on the team, qualifying for Regionals and being named a runner-up to First Team All-Conference.

"It feels great to be named to it because it proves to myself that I'm one of the best in the LAC," Blahunka said.

Some members enjoyed the simpler things about being on the team.

"I really liked the free golf," Papa said. "Golf is expensive so it was really cool."

-Amanda Greevich

Aiming for par

Running away

Sprinting toward victory, her opponent, freshman Tiffany Juarez wins her heat by a wide margin. The winner of the race during a track meet, Juarez ran the one and two mile races for the varsity team.

Photo by Tony Papa

Cheerleading

Front row: Lindsay Govert, Laura Bishunka, Back row: Marissa Sills, Danielle Trueblood, Kimberly Reyome, Stephanie Dross

Basketball

Front row: Nikki Love, Megan Messano, Brittany Parent, Nichole Damron, Tiffany Juarez, Kelly McCabe, Back row: Matthew O'Grady (mgr.), Lauren Chappel, Veronica Jacobs, Karen Kay, Kelly Davis, Renee Wotun, Coach Deana Kebs.

Volleyball

Front row: Nikki Love, Rachel Chandler, Cathy Dimovski, Elizabeth Potesta Back row: Jamie Campbell, Nichole Damron, Amanda Mitchell, Laura Sims, Jessica Newell

Photo by Tony Papa

Keeping it alive

Setting and diving for the hard ball, freshman **Nikki Love** exerts the effort and ability for the volleyball team. "I have to do what my teammates do to help the team out," said teammate freshman **Elizabeth Potesta**.

Getting her feet wet

During summer swim technique, freshman **Shannon Chuntich** was one of two freshmen who participated in the swimming team this year. Some of the training involved much arm work and your arms are not to propel a boat.

Photo by Matt Fliter

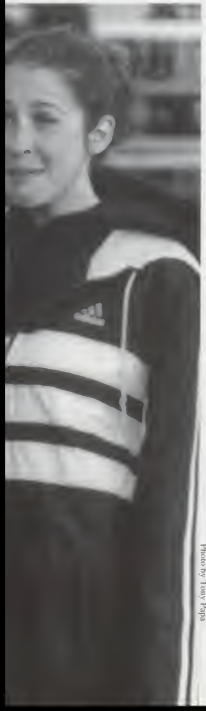


Photo by Tony Papa

The Numbers Add Up

3 This is the number of freshman girls on the girls' tennis team.

38% The percentage of freshman girls on the girls' track team.

In girls' sports it is quite possible that the first chance they have to be athletically challenged is during their freshman year in high school.

First Time Around

For the girls' freshman volleyball team a few lessons were taught about the word "team" despite having a losing season.

"Playing volleyball this year was a lot of fun," said freshman **Laura Sims**. "We learned to get along as a team, which helped us on the court."

Learning to work together is not the only thing that one can learn in sports; making new friends and meeting new people is also a part of athletics.

"I enjoyed swimming because of all the new people I met," said freshman **Lacey Hall**. "The competition made swimming a lot of fun."

Being a part of school sports is a privilege as well as a chance to keep the students supporting the school.

"I enjoy tennis because I am spending time with friends," said freshman **Julie Cadle**. "It also keeps me active with the school."

-Kevin Suba

Pausing for a moment

Flying high during, freshmen **Danielle Truebood** and **Lauren Chappel** take a breather during a track meet to discuss the past events. Truebood was a distance runner and Chappel was a long jumper.

Photo by Tony Papa

Dodging opponents

Weaving through opposing players, freshman **Matthew Gonzalez** [illegible] "Our number one goal this year is winning Andreson 20-0," freshman **Tom Ceervenak** said.

Working the court

Heading up a play, freshman **Neil Dimos** plays offense. "The best thing about this basketball season was that we saw lots of MVP," Dimos said.

Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Tony Papa

Basketball

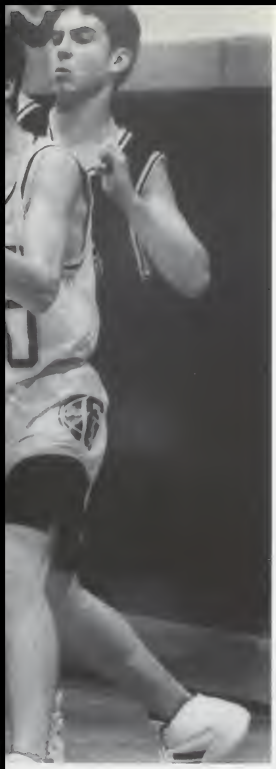
Front row: [illegible], Ryan [illegible], Jimmy [illegible], Matthew Gonzalez, Daniel Michels, Benjamin [illegible], Second row: James Campbell, Ryan Blythe, Juan [illegible], Christopher Spengler, Brett Warshman, Nicholas Dennis, Back row: Joseph Tharp, Nathan Laird, Adam Lukas, Kevin Suzal (coach), Neil Dimos, Kyle Schofield, Jacob Malone

Football

Front row: [illegible], Second row: Ryan Kumar, [illegible], Third row: [illegible], Brett Warshman, Nick Sipka, Ryan Blythe, Dane O'Connor, Brandon [illegible], Fourth row: Nathan Laird, Nathan Laird, Jimmy Cattus, Blaine Powell, Kyle Schofield, Caleb Santos, Jacob Malone

Baseball

Front row: [illegible], Second Row: Douglas [illegible], Third Row: [illegible], Back Row: [illegible], Craig [illegible], Nick Dimos, [illegible], Matthew Gonzalez, Matthew Stewart



Bringing in the new Recruits

Running, swimming, jumping, and throwing are all things that are a part of sports and the first time that one can be introduced to them at a mature level is their freshman year in high school.

"I pole vault in track and I am a swimmer," said freshman **Danny Vessell**. "I like to play these sports because they are fun and they keep me in shape."

In some freshman sports, practices are enjoyed more than the game, according to freshman **Chris Jackson**.

"When we take infield in practice I have a lot of fun," said Jackson. "I also had a lot of fun scrimmaging the JV even though we lost."

For the swimming team, qualifying for sectionals as a freshman is something that does not usually happen.

"All the freshmen on the swim team made sectionals," freshman **Jeremy Martin** said. "That is difficult because you have to place in the top 12 and that is mostly juniors and seniors who make it."

-Kellie Sternberg, Susan Huss and Kevin Suba

The Numbers Add Up

35% The percentage of freshmen that were in the baseball program.

14% The percentage of freshman on the basketball teams.

Photo by Jocelyn J. Williams

Photo by Tony Papa

Guzzling it down

Quenching his thirst, freshman Robert Hanchar dines at his baseball game. "We were down by three against Highland. We still got out, it was a good effort," freshman Michael Swart said.

Standing his ground

Returning the ball, freshman Michael Hernandez waits on his backhand at tennis practice. The only freshman on the team, Hernandez plays doubles with junior Michael Payne.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Introducing economics on the first day of school, Jim Pickett, social studies, shows the book to the class. "I like teaching economics because it's about real life and money," said Pickett. This is Pickett's seventh year teaching economics at GHS.

Once Around The Classroom

...in core classes

"I think they're [core classes] ok," said freshman Kristen Salczynski. "So far they have all been pretty easy for me, and English is probably my favorite."

...in electives

"I enjoy the harder and more interesting classes taught at GHS," said senior Nicholas Brownfield. "I enjoy the challenge it [computer programming] gives me. I don't feel the regular classes provide enough challenge and encouragement for me to excel."

...in advanced/AP classes

"I used to be in advanced classes, but I stopped taking them in order to get better grades," said sophomore Selena Saldana.

Timeline

September 16-21
ISTEP Testing

December 2
Basic Bio Shedd Aquarium fieldtrip

Americanism and Government test
November 17

Job Shadow Day
February 2

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Cheering on the Spellbowl team, [illegible] Andjela Subotic [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] and good luck. The team was second place at the local competition, [illegible] one point.

Making up a quiz, [illegible] Christopher Hitt [illegible] in the [illegible] room to make up a [illegible] he [illegible] missed. Hitt was in [illegible] with Sandra Beahm.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Time for Success

Before the football games, dances, meetings and competitions, academics rank. Being a part of the student body at GHS gave many students high standards to live up to. While some chose to fill their schedule with just the core classes and many electives, others were drilled with a rigorous schedule day after day. No matter what kind of classes students decided to occupy their time with, all had to adjust to new rules and policies.

Whether students carried Baby Think-It-Over around for child development or pulled an all-nighter working on their cell project, there was always something going on. The JETS team won first place at Valparaiso University and two students received national ranking on the Americanism and Government test.

Many seniors hurried to take SAT's before college, while some sophomores and juniors were already taking them.

No matter what the class was, or what was involved in it, the courses in the curriculum at GHS all helped students excel for their futures in some way.

-Nicole Voges

February 25
Bio 3-4 Kinetic Convention

JETS competition
March 2

May 5
Top Ten Dinner

Recognition Night
June 2

H[illegible] sophomores **Sarah Handley** and **Elisabeth Helfen** take [illegible] out of a [illegible] by [illegible] observations such as symmetry and [illegible]

H[illegible] **Pamela Campbell** and **Amy Theodozio** cut their carrots [illegible] to dissection. They were [illegible] again. This [illegible]

Photo by Matt Fiter

Photo by Nicole Voges

Experimental Learning

Projects bring new levels of understanding

How important are disecting a pig, acting out skits, and having Elizabethan feasts to learning?

According to **Ruth Carmichael**, science, projects are extremely important.

"It's rewarding to see students gain understanding while using lab and analytical skills," Carmichael said.

Carmichael's classes did many projects, including extraction of DNA from cells, regulation of gene and enzyme action in cells, and disections. However, her advanced biology class also took a field trip to the Genetics Update Conference to enhance their learning.

"What I found interesting was cloning and how you could choose what your kids would be like," senior **Meagan Clarke** said. "It's a moral issue."

Carmichael said projects help classes learn by giving a hands-on experience to reinforce theory.

-Susan Huss

What makes projects memorable?

"We used a little Teletubbie as a security system in our French video. It was really funny."
-junior **Bobby Lassiter**

"I enjoy doing projects because they enable me to empower my students to develop their potential."
-**Irma Coddington**, Spanish

"I learned [at the Genetics Convention] how much our lives will be affected by all the new biological advances."
-junior **Katina Chapa**

"My English group did three scenes from Julius Caesar. We got a lot of laughs. It was fun to watch it in all the classes."
-**Candice Peters**

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Dressed like Frida, Kathryn Martinez, spanish, stands over friend to sophomores Sara Palmer and Mark Govert. Mark's tires made her seem even shorter as she and her date after they read The Wind in Willows.

Jesting in an idea, seniors David Mazzocco and William Race write skits for their class. "The best part about English lit was when Mrs. [Susan] Patrick, English, would read to us," senior Johnathan Curtis said.

Learning the fun way

Electives make learning interesting

Science, English, math, and history are all necessary to graduate, but what about the classes you *want* to take? That's where electives step in.

Junior **Nancy Robles** said her favorite elective was ceramics because it was very laid back and she loved working with clay.

"When I was a freshman, I always would watch people throw [pots] on the wheels when I had jewelry class," Robles said. "I knew then I wanted to take ceramics just to learn how to throw."

For some students, it was the teachers that made one elective their favorite. Freshman **Danielle Trueblood** said sewing was her favorite elective.

"Mrs. [Margie] Keithley cares about her students," Trueblood said. "She makes relationships with them, and makes learning fun."

Robles said electives are important classes because they teach you good skills that you will need later on in life. *-Susan Huss*

Learning over, junior Marissa Villasenor takes care of her "baby." Villasenor had to pretend that she was a real baby for two nights, going through a government "Child Development Unit" (CDU). Similarly, a factory worker must use "Visual Test Equipment" designed to test for the consequences of work mistakes.

Photo by Annie Hecht.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Attaching fabric pieces together, freshman **Megan Popa** sews during Clothing and Textiles. Everyone in the class had to complete three projects. A tote bag was required for their second project, they could make either boxers or a hat. The third project was their choice.

Demonstrating to senior **Brian Gibert**, senior **Lindsay Zimmerman** shows her speech class how to apply makeup correctly. Zimmerman's model didn't show up and no girls would volunteer so Gibert donated his face to help save her grade. Other speeches included how to play the guitar and take photos.

Photo by Annie Hecht

Making sure the fit is right, sophs Traci Duncan and Nichole Plotkonka prepare a mannequin for the sewing classes' display case. Duncan marks the dress to wear on Turnabout. She has watched sewing and design classes progresses.

Carefully placing a part, senior Melisa Smilowski puts away equipment in sewing class. Smilowski says she decided to do extra-curricular teaching, an elective that take up her first two hours of school. She is a member of Wadsworth.

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Quotes of a Lifetime

"Child Development I really teaches you how to raise kids. It also helps you deal with them whether they're sad, angry, mad, or happy."
-junior **Shelly Hively**

"Advanced physical conditioning made me stronger and relieved stress."
-sophomore **Elliott Miller**

"I like current events because Mr. [Robert] Hastings makes the class fun. He keeps everyone interested and gets everyone involved."
-senior **Bryan Treece**

I took Spanish because I want my future children to be bilingual. It helped me speak to my Spanish pen pal."
-junior **Amanda Paul**

Would you join an academic team?

Do you think academic teams get enough recognition?

*Survey of 50 JHS students

Announcing new members, Principal Tim Ely, junior Jessica Everhart said, the new inductees for the honor society who weren't seen terminated to the first time. Everhart was elected president for next year.

Receiving the Integrity Award, students from grades 9-12 get recognized for their number one in their class. "It was very exciting to get the award because my mid volleyball coach gave it to me," junior Susan Huss said.

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Receiving awards, freshmen Malory Bernath, Tom Geerveruk, Laura Blahunka and Jimmy Cunningham gain praise for earning straight As. This was the first time freshmen could attend the recognition night.

Standing on stage, juniors Abigail Forbes, Brandon Faine, and Laura Worley gain recognition for being part of an academic team. The JHS team received "first place" at state.

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Swing time, anyone, juniors **Abigail Forbes**, **Justin Fak** and senior **Justin Dimos** participate in the Honor Society Induction. Students get into Honor Society based on their GPA and involvement in other activities.

Exchanging compliments, senior **Shawn Doyle** shakes hands with **Julie Jachimczak**, band, at recognition night. Doyle plays the trumpet in band a few years of high school.

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Mind Games

Academic teams work hard at winning

Usually when a person thinks of a competition, they think along the lines of sports. There is another kind of competition though: one where all that's involved is your mind. They are called academic superbowls. There are many categories to choose from like history, fine arts, and English, but not just anybody can join. Students are either picked by their teacher or they have to take tests to join.

Some of the advantages of being on an academic team are learning new things, making new friends, and the many challenges you are faced with, according to sophomore **Amanda Nichols.**

"I think fine arts is very challenging, but rewarding." Nichols said. "I've learned so much and have had a lot of fun with my teammates and our sponsor, Mrs. [Cynthia] Spejewski."

-Kellie Sternberg

Ahead of the rest

IR students get early start on their career

Imagine a class where you're by yourself, you spend your time researching a topic that interests you, and it helps you prepare for the future. Sound good? Ten students took advantage of such a class and became independent researchers (IR).

Senior **Marisa Garibay** said she was glad she chose to do an IR because she had more time to concentrate on her projects.

"I made a set of large drums and did a life-size head study," Garibay said. "I like that I don't have set assignments. I get to choose."

Senior **Jonathan Soverly**, who did his IR for Daniel McCoy, social sciences, said doing an IR improved his writing and researching skills.

"I research and write reports on different times and events in U.S. history. I am planning on being a lawyer so I will need to do research and study historical cases," Soverly said. "My IR gave me the skills to do this."

When prepping for your job, whether it be fashion or law, independent research classes are now available.

-Susan Huss

During another IR night, seniors Nicole Voges and Dennis Swender work on the second coat of the news magazine. The Eagle. Voges and Swender started the project, "Memories of an IR," "I liked the challenge of an IR," Voges said. "I did things I never thought I been new how to do."

Photo by Gina Menchaca

Photo by Chris Pike

Pasting out his next project, senior Chad Lukas shares his mind. Lukas IR was to make a full ceramic dinnerware set. "I learned there is no right way to do art from my IR," Lukas said. "It is all from scratch."

Using his hands, senior Ryan Towaszewicki models a sculpture during his IR hour. Towaszewicki had already taken art appreciation, art, and ceramics. "The biggest challenge of my IR was working on a project every day and thinking of projects to make," Towaszewicki said.

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Working with the Encore 3.0 Program, senior **Kyle Plesniak** arranges songs for band. Plesniak said he gained knowledge of [illegible] [illegible], sponsored by **Cynthia Spejewski**, music. "My biggest challenge was learning [illegible]," Plesniak said.

Surfing the Internet, senior **Leeann Henricks** searches for information about the five major religions in the world. Her IR was to research their customs and beliefs. "I've come to respect other religions more and actually my own faith," Henricks said.

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Quotes of a Lifetime

"My art IR helped me prepare for my future career somewhat because I am going to major in architecture but I might work with special effect after I graduate from college."
-senior **Ryan Towasnicki**

"I decided to do an IR because I really like ceramics and working with my hands in building and such. Having an IR gives me extra time."
-senior **Marisa Garibay**

"I've learned how to handle being dependent on myself for everything. It's not like other classes. You're all alone in an IR."
-senior **Nicole Voges**

Concentrating on her work, senior **Natasha Vukovic** was from an Argentine segment. Vukovic was in her beginning Spanish, English and AP English classes. Vukovic came to America during her junior year.

Practicing on some German verbs, junior **Borislav Damjanovic** and **Sasa Jerkovic** met Un. P. Bianchi. "I miss Serbia because I don't have friends here like I have there," Damjanovic said.

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Exchanging Places

Foreign students arrive in Griffith

Hallo, bonjour, salut, and zdravo are all variations of "hello" that you might have heard in the halls at school.

With two foreign exchange students from France and Germany, and several new Serbian students, the faces at our school were changing.

Senior **Kathrin Schmidt**, from Germany, said that although she had trouble adjusting to rules, she is glad to be here.

"The advantages of being here are food coupons, cheaper clothes, especially jeans, and friendlier people," Schmidt said.

While Schmidt said the best thing about being here is getting to know new people, junior **Borislav Damjanovic**, from Serbia, disagreed.

"You can get your license at age 16," Damjanovic said. "In Serbia, it's 18."

Whether coming here to avoid war or learn new cultures, foreign students are "coming to America." *-Susan Huss*

Why did you come to the United States?

"College education is better here and there are a lot more opportunities."
-senior **Marko Petrovic**

"I wanted to learn how to speak English better than I learned in France."
-senior **Amandine Chardonnereau**

"I came because there's a war in Serbia."
-junior **Borislav Damjanovic**

"I came because I heard so many good things about it and I think it's a wonderful country."
-senior **Kathrin Schmidt**

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Looking ahead, senior Marko Petrovic wants to put a [illegible] country practice. Petrovic is a pre-[illegible] major. He said, "My goal is to make it [illegible] better than the Yugoslavia," Petrovic said.

Chatting between classes, seniors Kyle Plesniak and Kathrin Schmidt prepare for [illegible]. Schmidt came to the U.S. to gain more English. "The hardest thing here is learning [illegible]," Schmidt said.

Getting into the habit

Students reveal study techniques that work

Studying can be a real bummer, but if you add a couple friends it isn't as bad as students thought.

When students got themselves in a jam with homework in a class they usually look to their friends.

" I ask my friends for help before I ask a teacher," said sophomore **Anthony Potesta**. "When I ask my teachers I find they are not much of a help."

When it comes down to test time, some students have to be away from the least bit of distraction.

"I usually stay away from everyone else so I can concentrate," said senior **Heather Galiher.**

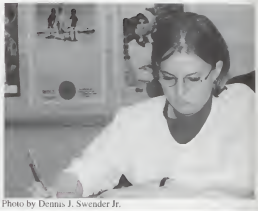
Whether it's studying ahead of time or the night before the big test, students found that their study habits really work.

"I usually start studing for the test the day I find out about the test. I go over it a little bit at a time," said junior **Laura Loudenber**.

Whatever it takes to excel, students have found themselves using every bit of it to help their grades.

-Sara Grudzien

Getting in the habit, sophomore **Tana Lenker** does her homework assignment in Tina Schrader's history class. Schrader gives homework assignments in order to prepare her students for upcoming tests. "I study by myself in my room. I try to memorize the answers to the questions I think I'm going to ask on the test," said Lenker.



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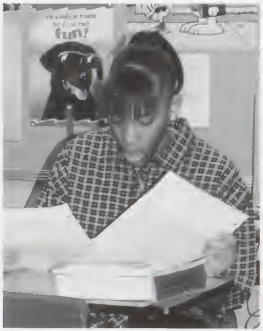

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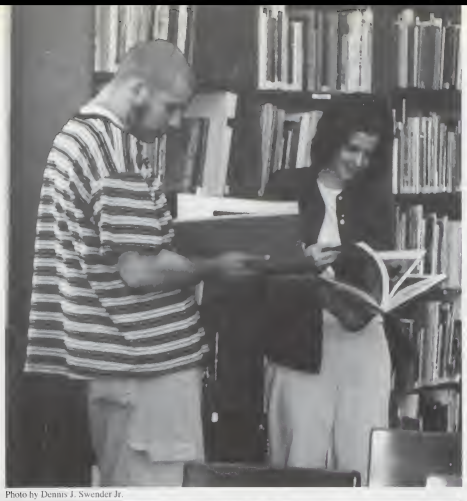
Making a few adjustments, senior **Monique Jones** compares her homework answers in Susan Patrick's British Literature class. Students found that they get better grades when they do their homework with friends so they can compare answers.

Sitting away, freshmen **Nicole Goodwin** and **Julie Cadle** get ahead and start on doodles in Ruth Carmichael's biology class. Doodles have been a studying method that the biology teachers have used for years.



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Finding a quiet place, senior **Luke Pierson** and **Jacqueline Rousseau** use the information in the library. Students from junior high to seniors, all ranks of academic level, to accomplish one of their priorities using an "impressionist artist" style.

Before hours, juniors **Kresten Colline** and **Beth Connell** find time to rest and finish their homework. Many stay beyond the night. Students would sacrifice time for the minutes that started at the school day and review the tests and finish homework.

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Quotes of a Lifetime

"I listen to the radio and eat while I study."
-freshman **Marissa Sills**

"The only thing I studied for this year was the SATs, I did the practice problems."
-junior **Mike Bakker**

" I take the material, look over it and kind of memorize it the night before the test."
-sophomore **Jennifer Sims**

" I lay all of my books out on my bed, then I spin around three times and pick which subject I want to do first, then I turn up the radio really loud and study for that subject."
-senior **Lori Mills**

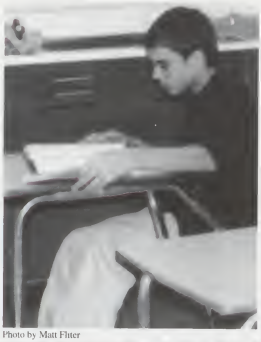
Do you enjoy challenging classes?

Do classes at CHS need to be more challenging?

*Survey of 68 CHS students

Working out problems, mentor Dale Theil discusses the measurement choices in geometry. The class continues to take advantage of the mentor program. "The original intent in math is not to teach skills, but to get students excited," Theil said.

Reading their papers, juniors Abigail Forbes and Michele Bagwell relate their reaction to the Holocaust project. The class chose to produce quotes of several American foreign wars.



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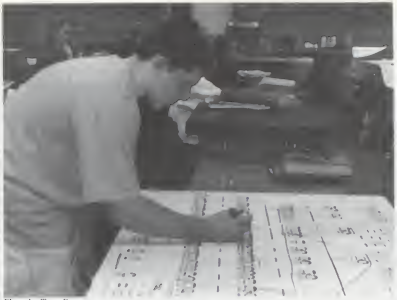
Taking notes, seniors Laura Zagrocki, Timothy Turkowek, and Kyle Plesniak wade through AP calculus. William Platt, math, taught the only calculus class.

Pumping perfection, sophomore Phillip Cadle studies. Jurring class, Cadle was one of the advanced sophomores who took Chemistry A.



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Challenging in the fall, junior **Justin Falk** works on his genetics lesson in his AP biology class. The class spent a month and a half learning about the effects of selective genetics.

Together, junior friends **Brianna Bieker, Bryan King** and **Matthew Gonzalez** listen to a lecture in AP biology. Biology is the class moved at a faster pace than sophomore classes.

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Taking the challenge

AP classes bring learning to new level

Ever find yourself running around trying to finish your pedigree for AP biology or solve that seemingly unsolvable problem? For those students who chose to take challenging classes, that is what their lives consisted of.

"It's somewhat hard to keep up with AP biology, but it's fun," junior **Mira Damnjanovic** said. "We did this fruit fly project where we had to cross-breed them. It was repetitive and you had to count them every day at least once, but it was interesting."

Senior **Patrick Riordan** said AP calculus heightened his math skills.

"I developed a certain type of thought process that you can't get from other math classes," Riordan said. "It's like geometry on a new level. It kept my math skills sharp since you have to recall things a lot."

By taking advanced placement classes you can earn college credits and gain the background you need for college. *-Susan Huss*

L[illegible] senior **Amber Hecht** [illegible] Autumn House [illegible] Association [illegible] to new [illegible] people [illegible] she [illegible]

B[illegible] senior **Justin Bnimyer** [illegible] the [illegible] "[illegible] students [illegible] in their [illegible] to learn how to paint, [illegible] and maintain [illegible]

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Styling their future

Area career center gives hands-on learning

It's 8 a.m. Instead of listening to a teacher's lecture, you're cutting someone's hair or renovating an old house. At least you could be if you spent your first three classes at the career center.

Junior **Adam Wartsbaugh** said he enjoyed his career learning because he wasn't always in the classroom, since his class fixed houses.

"The career center made me think, because in some situations, if you mess up you will hurt yourself and others," Wartsbaugh said.

Prepping for her career, junior **Shauna Tulba** took cosmetology so she could get her license to do hair and nails.

"I recommend career learning because if you are dedicated, you can get a lot accomplished," Tulba said.

Wartsbaugh endorses the career center because it gives you on-the-job training and an edge on others who haven't gone there. *-Susan Huss*

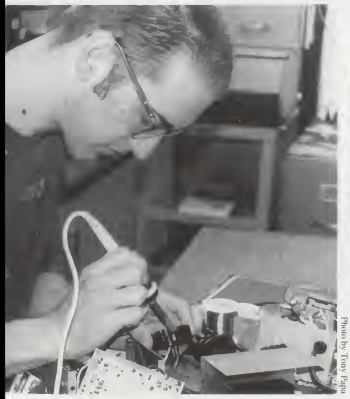
What's the best thing about career learning?

"It's preparing me for my career by providing me with an introduction to higher level programming."
-senior **Daniel Santare**

"It helped prepare me for my career by teaching me everything about cars, and we got to go to car shows."
-junior **George Maddox**

"We get to work with each other's hair and try out new styles in cosmetology."
-senior **Kristi Foust**

"It's like a real life job only you don't get paid with money, you get paid with credits. You find what it's like in that field."
-junior **Jeff Hughes**



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Tending vertebrae with, senior **Brandon Reba** hones a power supply unit in electronics class at the career center. "We learn a lot and we need to know if we get an injured person in the emergency," Reba says.

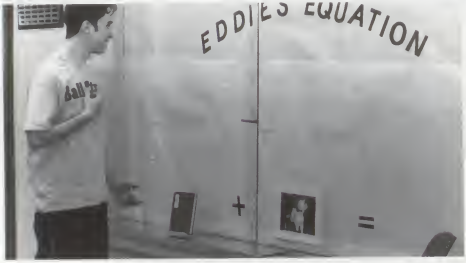
Cleaning a broken lawnmower, juniors **Jeremy McCarthy**, **Troy Damron** and **Gabriel Inzarry** try to see how to fix the mower. Their auto service class works on small engines and automotive repair.

One in a Million

Every individual at GHS found a way to express himself, whether it was by the clothes they wore, their attitude, or their actions. Along with a new school year came new trends and fashions. Flared jeans and capri pants took over for cargo pants and boot leg jeans. Black pants held their ground and three-quarter length shirts became popular. Jeweled hair pins, butterflies and dragonflies became popular accessories.

New movies, like *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* and *Never Been Kissed* caused excitement among students. Popular TV shows like "The X-Files," "Party of Five," "90210," "Dawson's Creek," "Loveline" and "That 70's Show" proved popular also. Boy bands became hip with groups like the Backstreet Boys and N*Sync, while Britney Spears, Brandy and Monica took over the 90's divas.

Many students could be found eating at Round the Clock or catching a flick at Showplace 16, while others chose miniature golfing at Schereville Golf Center. No matter what students chose to wear, watch, listen to, or where to go, everyone found a way to make their personality shine through. *-Nicole Voges*



Looking at a display, senior Eddie Covarrubias stops to look at the display in the library. The display was instructed because Covarrubias borrowed a book from the library and the dog ate it.

Timeline

- June- August — Senior Pictures
- School Registration — August 17-20
- November 5 — Open House
- Winter Break — Dec. 21-Jan. 1

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Studying for a test, sophomore Mark Forster waits outside the classroom. Forster plays soccer, runs track and works at Fazz.

Practicing their form, seniors Melissa Steapleton and Keley Zamdt sang a solo during the pep rally. Cheerleading was only open to members of the senior class.

A Day In The Life Of

...a freshman

"I went to school, managed football and track and hung out with my friends," said **Tara Vaznonis**.

...a sophomore

"I went to school, played football, worked out, and hung out with my friends daily," said Craig Kovera. "It was pretty much a daily routine."

...a junior

"I get up at 5 a.m. every day to get ready for school," said **Jared Pierson**. "Then I go to basketball workout at 6 a.m. and to school. After school I either work out or play basketball again."

...a senior

"After I get up I go to Beringer Elementary School for exploratory teaching," said **Tennille Grasha**. "Then I stop at home and go to school. After school I work or go to practice."

SAT's at Griffith
March 20

Career Fair
May 13

May 22
Talent Show

Senior Banquet
May 24

La'Teshia Adams Basketball 12, Track 12

Rebecca Amos Choir 10 11 12, Chorale 12, Honor Society 10 11 12 (Treas. 12), Reflector 11 12 (Bus. Mgr. 11 12), Class Council 10 11, *Panther Press* 10 11 (Bus. Mgr. 11)

Michael Andree Jr. Football 9 10 11 (Sect. Champs 9 10, State Champs 11) Wrestling 9, Track 9, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Art Club 12, Bowling Club 12

Jason Angel Football 10 11 12 (Team MVP, Capt. 12, BMA 10, All-Conf. 12, Outstanding Def. Lineman 12), Class Council 12




Frank Ashenbaugh

Christopher Babbitt Jr. Football 10 11 12 (State Champs 11), Baseball 9 10, SADD 10 11, Bowling Club 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12

Jason Bainbridge

Matthew Banke Soccer 10 11 12 (BMA 12, All-Conf. 11 12), Basketball 10 11 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12




Brian Batinic

Eric Bellamy Wrestling 12

Brian Betts

Robert Bilina




Jill Blount

Brent Bol Wrestling 9 10, Band 9 10 11

Gina Bombin Choir 10

Jennifer Brown




Nicholas Brownfield

Stacy Buckner Pantherettes 10 11 12 (Squad Leader 11, Hist. 12), Booster Club 10 11 12, SADD 11 12, Who's Who Among American High School Students 11

Jeremy Buzea

David Carnahan Soccer 9 10, Baseball 9 10 12, Basketball 9 10 11







Amandine Chardonnereau

Meagan Clarke Tennis 10 11 12 (BMA 10 11, Capt. 11 12), *Reflector* 10 11 (Album Editor 11), Who's Who Among American High School Students 11 12, SADD 10 11, Volleyball 10, Quill and Scroll 10 11

Adam Creviston

Anthony Cruse




Johnathan Curtis

Jenny Dalach Track 9, Tennis 10 11, Choir 9 10 11 (Sec. 11), Chorale 12 (Pres. 12), All-State Choir 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12, Class Council 10 11, Drama 9 11

Justin Dimos

Nikolina Dimovski




Darla Domsic Girls Chorus 10, Choralettes 11, Chorale 12, Drama 9 10 11 12, ISSMA 9 10 11 12 (State ISSMA 11 12)

Joan Doppler Cheerleading 9 10 11 12 (MI 10, Hist. 12), Student Council 9 11 12, Booster Club 9 10 11 12, Honor Society 11 12, Turnabout Princess 10, SADD 10 11 12, Class Council 11 12

Shaun Doyle Swimming 9 10 11, Band 9 10 11 12 (Sec. 10, Drum Major 11 12), Jazz Band 9 10 11 12, Percusion Ensemble 11 12, Honor Society 10 11 12

Paul Dudley




Timothy Duke Football 9 10 11 12 (Second Team All-Conf. 11), Track 9 10, Wrestling 9 10 (Outstanding Freshman 9), Art Club 11 12, SADD 12

Traci Duncan Softball 10 11 12, Class Council 10 11 12 (Sec. 10 11) SADD 12 (Treas. 12), Booster Club 10 11 12, DECA 11 12 (Store Mgr. 12), Student Council 10 11, Volleyball 10

Katherine Eaton

Kent Elliott Track 10 11 12, Football 11 12




Christina Federenko

Matthew Flannery

Ian Flores

Kristy Florey Cheerleading Mascot 10 11 12, Bowling Club 10 11 12, Class Council 10, SADD 10, Choir 9

Kristi Foust Choir 9, Cosmetology 11 12

Jamie Foy Class Council 10 11 12, Student Council 10 11, Pantherettes 11, Booster Club 10 11, Art Club 12, Concert Band 10 (Treas. 10), Marching Band 10, Pep Band 10

Jimmy Frazier

M. Patrick Fuentes




Heather Galiher

Marisa Garibay Class Council 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12, Volleyball 10, Softball 10 11 12 (BMA 11), Art Club 10 11 12 (V. Pres 11)

Matthew Gear

Scott Gierman *Panther Press* 10 11 12 (Sports Editor 11 12), Track 11 12, Cross Country 12 (MI 12)




Brian Gilbert

Tennille Grasha Cheerleading 10 11 12 (Sec. 12), Track 9 10 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12 (Chair. 10 11, Sec. 12), Class Council 10 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12, SADD 10 11 12

Karl Grimmer Swimming 10 11 12, Cross Country 12 (BMA 12), SADD 10 11 12 (pres. 12), Honor Society 10 11 12, Student Council 10 11 12, Chorale 11 12

Sara Grudzien Volleyball 9 10 11 (BMA 10), *Reflector* 12 (People Editor 12), Quill and Scroll 12, Class Council 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12




Joshua Hammers

Carrie Hanchar Cross Country 9 10 11 12 (MI 12, Co-Capt. 12), Track 9 10 11 12, Honor Society 9 11 12, SADD 9 10 11 12, Class Council 9 10 11 12, Student Council 9 10 11 12

Amy Harnew *Panther Press* 11 12, Quill and Scroll 11 12

Erica Head




Amber Hecht Band 9 10 11 12 (Outstanding Sophomore 10), *Reflector* 12, Bowling Club 10 11 12 (Capt. 10 11 12), Class Council 10 11 12, Student Council 12, SADD 12, Pep Band 9 10 11, ISSMA 9 10 11

Leeann Henricks

Ryan Hill Football 10 11 12 (BMA 12, Capt. 12, Outstanding Linebacker 11 12, First Team All-Conf. 12, State Champs 11, Sect. Champs 11 12, All-State Hon. Ment. 11), Baseball 10 11 12 (BMA 11), Prom Court 11, Homecoming Court 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12

Christopher Hitt







Joseph Homoky

Laura Huber

Nicole Huber Booster Club 12, Class Council 12, Softball 10 11 12, SADD 12, Prom Queen 11, Homecoming Queen 12

Jennifer Huesken Choir 10 11 (Sec. 11), Drama 10 11 12 (Stu. Dir.12), Softball 9 10 (BMA 9), Remnant 9 10 11, Class Council 10, Writer's Block 11




Vanessa Hughes

Sarah Jansen Choir 10, Choralettes 11, Chorale 12, Track 10, Drama 12 (Stu. Dir. 12, Make-up 11), ISSMA 11

Amanda Jennings *Panther Press* 10 11 12 (Managing Editor 12), Quill and Scroll 10 11 12, SADD 12, Class Council 12, Spanish Club 12, Booster Club 12

Courtney Johnson DECA 10 11 12 (Store Mgr. 11, Pres. 12)




Monique Jones

Sarah Kagel Drama 9 10 11 12 (2nd Lead9 10 11 12, Lead 11 12, Stu. Dir. 12), Chorale 12 (Hist. 12), Pantherettes 10 11 12 (Outstanding Soph. 10, Squad Leader 11, Pres. 12, All-Star 12), Honor Society 10 11 12 (Sec. 12)

Amanda Kasper Cheerleading 10 11 12 (Asst. Hist. 10 11, Co-Capt. 12), Student Council 10 11 12, Class Council 10 11 12 (Sec. 11), Booster Club 10 11 12, SADD 10 11 12, Morning Announcer 10 11 12

Jemai Kennedy SADD 12, DECA 12, ICE 12 (5th place at Conf.), Art Club 11 12

Sarah Kerr




Clinton Konopasek Football 10 11 12 (Outstanding Wide Reciever 12), Track 9 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12, Art Club 11 12

Daniel Kovera Football 10 11 12 (State Champs 11)

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Jamie Kunkemoeller Basketball 10 11 12

Jodie Kunkemoeller

Eric Laczi Tennis 9 10 11 12 (MVP 12, Capt. 12)

Christian Laird Football 10 11 12, Honor Society 11 12, Concert Band 9 10 11, Academic Super Bowl 10 11 12 (Capt. 11) Pep Band 10 11

Carrie Lamb

Jennifer Lang DECA 11 12, ICE 11 12

Paul Larson SADD 10




Steven Laurinas Football 10 11 12, Track 10 11 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12

Joseph Laviolette Football 10 11 12 (State Champs 11), Varsity Club 10 11 12

Manuel Longoria

F. David Lopez Soccer 11 12 (MVP 12, All-State 12), Football 10 11 12 (All-State Hon. Ment.12), Track 10 11 12, Basketball 9 10 11




Chad Lukas Soccer 9 10 11 12, Art Club 12

Erick Maciszak

Robert Malo Football 10 11 12, SADD 10

Amanda Marcus




Joshua Martin Swimming 9 10 11 12, *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Sports Editor 11, Managing Editor 12), Quill and Scroll 10 11 12

Stephanie Martin

Tamara Martin

Ebonee Mason




Gabriel Mauch

David Mazzocco Baseball 10 11 12, Football 10, Varsity Club 10 11 12

Robert McElmurry

Cynthia McFadden Spanish Club 11, Bowling Club 10, Art Club 11, DARE Role Model 12, *Reflector* 10







T. John Mehok Band 10 11 12, Spanish Club 11, Bowling Club 10 11 12 (Capt. 11 12), Jazz Band 12, Pep Band 10 11 12

Gina Menchaca Spanish Club 10 11 (Treas. 11), Football Mgr. 10 11 12, *Panther Press* 10 11 12 (Photo Editor 12), Varsity Club 10 11 12, Booster Club 11 12, Choir 10

Joshua Michalak Swimming 9 10 11 12

Jessica Michels Class Council 10 11




Lori Mills

Michael Moran

Thomas Morosin Drama 11, Chorale 11 12 (Sec. 12), *Reflector* 10 11, Quill and Scroll 10 11, Boy's Chorus 10

Christopher Mulligan Football 10 11, Track 10




Keirstin Nagy Tennis 10

Erik Negrete Football 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11 12, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Michelle Nicholls

Rachael Nichols Choir 10 11 (Pres. 11), All-State Choir 11 12, Chorale 12 (V. Pres. 12), Honor Society 10 11 12, Student Council 10 11 12, Drama 9 10 11




Jocel Nieto Drama 12, Chorale 10 11 12

Jason O'Donnell Baseball 9 10 11 12, Football 9 10, Wrestling 9, Chorale 11 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12

Jill Palmer

Anthony Papa Football 10, Golf 9 10 11 12, *Reflector* 10 11 12 (Sports photographer 10 11 12), Varsity Club 9 10 11 12, Art Club 12




Cassandra Paul Swimming 9 10, Spanish Club 10 11, Cross Country 11, Band 9 10 11

Justin Payne

William Pewitt

Luke Pierson Football 10 11 12 (Capt. 12, All-State 11 12, MI 11), Basketball 11 12, Wrestling 9

Suzanne Pikus SADD 12, Volleyball 10 11, Basketball 10, DECA 12

Leslie Piszczek Bowling Club 11 12

Kyle Plesniak

Nichole Ploskonka Basketball 10

Jennean Pondo

Danyel Porter Basketball 10 (BMA 10), Art Club 12, Class Council 12

Roger Porter

Laura Purgert

William Race

Sara Raduski

Nathan Ramsey

Jennifer Ranta Basketball 9, Honor Society 9 11 12, Volleyball 9 10 11 (MVP 10), Student Council 10 11, Class Council 10 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12

Christopher Ray Football 10 11 (MVP 10 11), Who's Who Among American High School Students 11

Jennifer Redar

Andrea Reed Cheerleading 12, Class Council 12, Booster Club 12, SADD 12, *Panther Press* 11 12 (Bus. Mgr. 12), Quill and Scroll 11 12, Varsity Club 12

Kevin Riese

Patrick Riordan *Panther Press* 11 12 (Editor-in-Chief 12, Most Valuable Underclassman 11), Quill and Scroll 11 12 (National Quill and Scroll 11, Pres. 12), *The Edge* 12

Brandy Rockwell Choir 9, DECA 12, ICE 12, Art Club 12

Brian Rodriguez

Chris Romero




Jacqueline Rousseau Who's Who Among American High School Students 10, Turnabout Court 10, Art Club 12

James Royal

Dale Rudzinski

Emily Rutledge




Dorothy Ryzak

Erica Santana

Daniel Santare Diving 11 12 (MI 11, Top Diver 11), Swimming 11 12

Ryan Sarver Football 10 11 12, SADD 12, Varsity Club 10 11 12




Robin Satterlee

Amber Scartozzi

April Scartozzi

David Schaffenberger




Katy Schmell

Kathrin Schmidt Choralettes 12, Bowling Club 12

Kelly Schoeffel DECA 12, SADD 10

Matthew Schroeder




Joe Schultz Football 10 11 12, Track 9 11, Baseball 10, Varsity Club 9 10 11 12

Justin Seat Concert Band 10 11 12, Pep Band 10 11 12, Spell Bowl 10 11 12 (Capt. 12), Academic Super Bowl 10 11 12, Honor Society 11 12, Jazz Band 11 12

Joshua Sherbit

Brandon Shropshire

Melisa Smilowski

Holly Smolinski Class Council 12, Cosmotology 11 12

Robert Sochacki

Jonathan Soverly Honor Society 11 12, JETS 10 11 12, Acedemic Super Bowl 10 11 12 (State Finalist 11, Capt. 12), Spanish Club 10 11 12




Jamie Sponaugle

Tammy Spudic

Melissa Steapleton Swimming 9 10 11 12 (Capt. 11 12, MVP 10 11 12), Honor Society 11 12, Student Council 9 11 12 (Sec. 12), Chorale 12 (Sec. 12), Class Council 10 11 12, Baseball Mgr. 11 12

Kevin Steiber Football 10 12, Track 10 11




Steven Steinbach

Lena Steinhubel

Jeffrey Stone Football 9 10 11

Colleen Strauch Choir 10 11, Chorale 12




Tiah Sweet DECA 12, Choir 9

Dennis Swender *Reflector* 11 12 (Photo Editor 12), Chorale 12 (MI 11), Remnant 9

Shannon Swope Volleyball 9 10 11 12, Track 9 10 11, Choir 10 11 12 (V. Pres. 12)

Jill Talabay Class Council 11, Booster Club 12, *Reflector* 12, Quill and Scroll 12




Jim Terpstra Honor Society 11 12, Baseball 9 10 11 12 (All-Conf. 10 11 12), Basketball 9 10 11 12 (MVP 11 12), Student Council 10

William Torres Football 10 11 12, Track 11 12, Baseball 10

Ryan Towasnicki

Bryan Treece







Joshua Tristan
Christopher Troksa Soccer 10 11 12, Baseball 11 12, Basketball 12
Anthony Trzupek
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Larry Turner
Michael Tuzar
Nick Ullrich Football 10 11 12 (State Champs 11), Varsity Club 10 11 12
John Vanek Football 9 10 11 12, SADD 12




Jennifer Vaznonis Cheerleading 10 11 12 (Capt. 12, MI 11), Class Council 10 11 12 (V. Pres. 11, Pres. 12), Booster Club 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), Prom Court 11, Homecoming Court 12, DARE Role Model 12
Jeffrey Vessell Wrestling 9 10 11 12 (Capt. 12), Honor Society 10 11 12 (V. Pres. 12), Student Council 10 11 12, Drama 10 11 12
Nicole Voges *Reflector* 11 12 (Editor-in-Chief 12), Pantherettes 11 12 (Sec. 12), Honor Society 11 12, Booster Club 9 10 11 12 (Pres. 11 12), SADD 10 11 12 (V. Pres. 12) *The Edge* 12
Natasha Vukovic




Tiffany Vuletich
Suzanne Wargo Pantherettes 10 12, Swimming 9 11 (BMA 11), SADD 12, Class Council 10 11 12, Booster Club 10 11 12, Drama 10 11
Joseph Warrick Football 12, Varsity Club 12, Choir 11, Chorale 12, Swimming and Diving 10
Anthony Washick Football 10 11 12 (Most Versatile Player 12), Class Council 12 (V. Pres. 12), Art Club 12




Bridgette Wayo
William Werner
Kristen Wilczynski
Elizabeth Wilson Band 10 11, Jazz Band 11, SADD 11, ISSMA 9 10

Christine Woerner
Jared Wojcik
Emily Worosz
Amy Worth




Ian Wotkun Cross Country 9 10, Track 9 10, Art Club 11 12, Jazz Band 12, Musical 12

Erica Wright

Laura Zagrocki Basketball 11 12, Softball 10 11 12, Cross Country 10 11 12 (MVP 11, BMA 12), Honor Society 10 11 12 (Pres. 12), Class Council 10 11 12 (Pres. 11), Student Council 10 11 12, Homecoming Court

Kelly Zarndt Girls Choir 10, Choralettes 11 (MI 11), Chorale 12




Lindsay Zimmerman Swimming 9 10 11, Choir 10 11 12

Mary Zubrenic Choir 10 11 12


Not Pictured

Jamaal Bell
Jeremy Bratton
Justin Brilmyer
Lakescha Brown
Eddie Covarrubias
Benjamin DeJesus
Brian Durall
Sarah Fech
Sharon Gardner
James Henderson
Jonathan Huff
Matty Jabkowski
David Johnsten
Margaret Kurzynska
Sherita Martin
Jason Nowlin
Jeffrey Nowlin
Timothy O'Connell
Audel Oceguera
Eric Parsons
Jeff Patton
Marko Petrovic
Christopher Pike
Brandon Reba
Eric Sarkady
Dayna Scheeringa
John Shanks
John Spriggs
Sherrona Taylor
Karen Tucker

1998-1999 Smashing Hits

Movie
Varsity Blues

Movie-out
Split Second

Color
Blue

Show
Contempo

Band
Korn

Trend
Butterfly Clips

Tunes
Mr. McCoy

Album
Shania Twain-*Come on Over* and Offspring- *Americana*

Actor
Ben Affleck

TV Show
Dawson's Creek

Food
Pizza

Actress
Drew Barrymore

Car
Mustang

Restaurant
'Round The Clock

Survey of 39 seniors

My favorite thing to wear is....

"Overalls," *-senior Erica Santana*

"Sweaters," *-senior Holly Smolinski*

"Jeans," *-senior Christopher Babbit*

"FUBU clothes," *-senior Jason Nowlin*

"My 1987 Nike Flights," *-senior Michael Moran*

"My blue hooded sweatshirt, but everytime I wear it so does Marcie Garibay." *-senior Jamie Kurkemoeller*

Senior Superlatives

Most Likely to Succeed	Karl Grimmer	Laura Zagrocki
Biggest Brown Nose	Karl Grimmer	Sarah Kagel
First to get Married	Michael Andree	Amber Hecht
Best Personality	Brian Batinic	Amanda Jennings
Most Involved	Karl Grimmer	Nicole Voges
Best Dressed	Jimmy Frasier	Jennifer Kanta
Moodiest	David Lopez	Angel Kozup
Funniest	Ryan Hill	Amy Harnew
Best Body	Ryan Sawer	Nicole Huber
Best Smile	Erick Maciszak	Nicole Huber
Most Unique	Gabe Mauch	Tamera Martin
Class Flirt	Timothy Duke	Jennifer Vaznonis
Best Eyes	Clinton Konopasek	Sarah Jansen
Best Artist	Jason McDonnel	Jaqueline Rousseau
Most Musical	Eddie Covarrubias	Christina Fedorenko
Most Cheerful	Jason Angel	Amanda Marcus
Biggest Partier	Chad Lukas	Sara Radoski
Best Hair	Joshua Tristan	Nicole Huber
Biggest Gossip	Jimmy Torpstra	Angela Kozup
Cutest	Jeremy Buzza	Nicole Huber
Most Gullible	Eddie Covarrubias	Erica Head

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Showing their approval

Jumping to their feet, seniors **Angela Kozup** and **David Lopez** turn to their fellow classmates after accepting their senior superlatives at the senior banquet. They were chosen to be among the most among the senior class. Banquet took place Monday, May 24 at the Sherwood Lounge in Beerville.

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Say a little prayer

Leading her classmates in prayer, senior **Melissa Steapleton** starts off the senior banquet with an invocation prayer while class officers **Anthony Washok** and **Angela Krsak** bow their heads. Steapleton volunteered to start off the beginning of the end for most seniors.

Smiling with acceptance

Pleasantly surprised, senior **Eddie Covarrubias** accepts one of his awards from the class officers. Covarrubias was awarded the most musical and most gullible among the seniors class at the senior banquet.

The Good Old Days

Bolstering their weight, senior **Sarah Kagel** and **Thomas Morosin** stand on each other's feet in the hallway. The seniors find a way to amuse themselves after a big test in Cynthia Stepowski's biology class.

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Bust a Move

Closing the night away, senior class members gather together in the middle of the dance floor at the annual junior-senior prom. This was one of the last activities the seniors attended before saying goodbye.

Break a Leg

Making a mess, senior **Anthony Papa** impersonates a storm trooper in Robert Witt's veranda. As a result, Papa and his wife spent two weeks to complete their project, including repairing damages.

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The joys of seniority

Learning another, senior **Jason Angel** decides to read a book in his free time. "Angel just got finished with the tent [in project in Margaret Ethley's] Child Development I class. He is a kindergartner up with a good book and relax."

Group hug

Leaving a night, seniors **John Vanek**, **James Royal**, **David Lopez**, **Jason O'Donnel**, and **Brian Gibert** spend the night visiting with each other at the annual senior party, held after the senior banquet. "Into night man, seniors had the chance to talk to people they hadn't talked to throughout their high school career."

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Figuring it out

Seniors make important decisions

Whether it's going to a local college, a university, or a trade school, seniors are finding direction.Within the past four years, seniors have been given the opportunity to select a path to follow.

Some students have decided to take a break from their journey through high school before they continue their trip.

"I'm taking time off to figure out what I want to do so I don't waste time or money I don't have," senior **Tammy Spudic** said.

Seniors have found themselves applying for jobs earlier in the year to help save money for their college tuition.

"I'm planning to attend Purdue Calumet in the fall, but for now I'm going to work with my dad in the summer," senior **Joseph Laviolette** said.

Even though some seniors are undecided, there are many who know exactly where they are headed.

"I plan to attend Ivy Tech for two years, then after that I plan to go up to Chicago for Culinary Arts," senior **Steve Steinbach** said. *-Sara Grudzien*

Every drop counts

Dousing her bucket, senior **Jemai Kennedy** transfers water into a human on the football field during Activities Day. Along with other students, Kennedy participated in Homecoming activities to beat other classes.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Practicing her moves

Warming a few minutes to warm up, senior **Danyel Porter** prepares for basketball tryouts. Porter was one of the few seniors that took part in tryouts during the winter.

Teen power

Motivating participation, senior **Jennifer Vazionis** takes part in a school congregation with guest speaker, **Gary Dean**. During the assembly, on February 9, teens were made aware of the power they possess while being a teen. His inspirational presentation included the five secrets to life: life is a gift, the greatest gift is your mind, find out what you're good at, and give it back to the world, and there is no guarantee on time.

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Photo by Tony Papa

Photo by Eddie Covarrubias

Photo by Eddie Covarrubias

Lending a hand

Helping out, senior **Kristen Wiczynski** works with handicapped for Margie Kelly's Homedevelopment Classes to make gingerbread houses. Wiczynski was a aide for Kelly and she helped prepare for the class projects.

Tears for fears

Trying to overcome the pain, senior **Timothy Duke** waits to receive his daily therapy. Duke hurt the knee during a summer football camp held at Northern Indiana University. Even though his injury kept him out most of the season, he worked with trainers to rebuild the strength in his knee.

Making a comeback

Things of the past as today's trends

Did you ever wonder what it was like to live in the 1920s when swing dance was popular? Or what it was like to camp out at Woodstock, and dress like the hippies did in the '60s.

Even though some seniors took in the latest fads, others disagree with the trend setters.

"I don't like the bellbottoms that are coming back, especially with platforms," said senior **Jenny Dalach**.

It's not just the way people were dressing that was coming back; classic movies are also being remade.

"Movie remakes are better now, because they are in color and surround sound and are digitally remastered," said senior **Robert Malo**.

Some senior moviegoers found movie remakes weren't what they were cracked up to be. They said that digitally remastered movies are cool, but when movie-makers switch the plot and change the characters, they are not as good as the original.

"I was excited to see the newly remade version of *Psycho* because the original was a classic, but I was disappointed because it lacked the original intensity," said senior **Brian Gilbert**.

Students also ffound that they were taking part in the same things their parents or grandparents did in high school.

"I think comebacks are pretty cool. We get to experience what happened before and how people dressed," said senior **Leslie Piszczek.**

From tube tops to disco bowling, students began to experience the fashion and activities of previous eras with a '90s twist.

-Sara Grudzien

The show must go on

Making the final adjustment, senior **Nikolina Dimovski** helps an underclassman get ready moments before her last homecoming parade as a flag line member. As seniors and members move on, underclassmen fight for the leadership they have earned.

Bring in the energy

As the fall nears, senior **Joseph Warrick** leaves his place with a rocket at the high-rise office to the foot-ball team. He travels miles before the kickoff, gives his all in the game. This was Warrick's first year as part of the cheers.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Check it out

While looking for his sculpture, senior **Robert Malo** views other art work. Malo has taken ceramics for the last two years. "Over time, first times throwing, I was covered from head to toe in clay," said Malo.

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Packing it up

Seniors unravel memories

Is it a prized possession or just a memory? Whatever it is, seniors have found they won't forget many things from their high school life.

Whether it's an everyday thing or a once in a lifetime moment, some found that these things have brought them closer together.

"The Saturday after the football team lost the Regional Championship game, the senior guys got together and played football one last time," said senior **Erick Maciszak**. "And after that, the guys got into the other person's car and drove on the soccer field just to be stupid," said Maciszak.

Seniors have come to find that the same people that have been part of their daily lives and activities won't be there after graduation.

"I'll miss playing video games and driving around on the weekends with the boys," said senior **Ryan Sarver**.

Sometimes it's the funny moments that happen in class that leave memorable impressions.

"I was in Mr. McCoy's history class and Kristen Wilczynski was singing. I went to flick a candy wrapper, and it went right in her mouth and she choked," said senior **Jessica Michels**.

It's not just moments that seniors will take with them. They are also planning on taking their favorite clothes and possessions.

"I would have to take my favorite white teddy bear," said senior **Amber Scartozzi**.

Even though graduation nears, seniors are finding that there is room to keep the memories. *-Sara Grudzien*

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Imagination comes to life

Following directions, senior **Luke Person** draws the class interpretation of Dumbel from the epic tale "Beowulf." Entertaining creatures are a requirement for college bound seniors.

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Do the Jitterbug

Watching their steps, seniors **Amber Scartozzi** and **Christopher Hitt** learn the swing dance in speech class. The Hitts dance floor made a immediate and was being retaught to the class by a demonstration in speech.

Charlotte Abasa-Nyarko
Samantha Adame
Melissa Adams
Adrianna Aguilar
Salvador Aguilar
Elizabeth Ahlemier
Justin Albright

Kyle Alexander
Aaron Aloia
Victoria Anderson
Angela Arcella
Sarah Bacan
Hayley Baccino
Michelle Bagwell

Michael Baker
Tammy Baker
Michael Bakker
Diana Ballas
Joshua Banning
Colin Banta
Lindsay Beigle

Mary Belcher
Kevin Berger
David Beshears
Lauren Biehl
Paul Blahunka
Derek Blythe
Matthew Boilek

Jaci Bolsega
Gregory Borden
James Braden
Tiffany Briesacher
Jacqueline Brink
Christopher Brookhart
Rose Bryant

Pamela Campbell
Jeffrey Carpenter
Katina Chapa
Lindsay Chapa
Tabitha Chavez
Paul Chidichimo
Emily Coddington

David Colby
Adam Collins
Kristen Collins
Beth Connell
Gregory Cooper
Heather Cope
Nicholas Crawford

Mike Cservenak
Crystal Cullum
Michelle Cuneo
Erick Cunningham
Boris Damjanovic
Mira Damnjanovic
Troy Damron

Lauren Davis
Jacqueline Deyoung
Annie Dinkins
Bonnie Eddy
Jessica Everhart
Metai Ezell
Justin Falk

Brandon Fane
Amber Farr
Trisha Fleishman
Steven Flutka
Abigail Forbes
Gillian Forsythe
John Frye

Allison Gatlin
Demetrios Georgis
Erin Gervais
Lara Gonzalez
Christina Govert
Amanda Grcevich
Matthew Hafner

Joshua Handley
John Hanson
Michael Harnew
Melissa Hart
Nicole Hart
Lisa Hartman
Arianna Hecht

Tammy Heft
Daniel Helfen
Jesse Henderson
Keith Henman
Danielle Hennes
Christopher Hill
Shelly Hively

Vanessa Hooper
Branden Hoshaw
Claire Hudacin
Jeff Hughes
Susan Huss
Gabriel Irizarry
Jacob Johnson

Julie Jordan
Nicholas Jovanovich
Amie Kielbasa
Kara Kmiec
Lisa Koepp
Kyle Konopasek
Kyle Krause

Timmy Krebs
Timothy Kukuch
Carrie LaBuda
Kathryn LaFayette
Jacob Laird
Bobby Lassiter
Chuck Lau

William Laviolette
Michael Leal
Jason Lebata
Sara LeCounte
Christina Lopez
Kelly Loudenber
Laura Loudenber

Jeremy Luter
Michelle Mackey
George Maddox
Timothy Malo
Corrie Mantis
Kathryn Mauch
Jennifer McQueary

Anne Medsker
Shawn Medsker
Angela Mele
Lora Melton
Gerard Mesman
Caryn Miller
Heather Mladenik

Kathryn Mochon
Brian Moisant
David Moore
Madelyn Moore
Blake Morris
Everett Mull
Patrick Mulligan

Salina Muro
Matthew Najar
Erich Neiswinger
Justin Newell
Julie Newman
Jarrad Novath
Kristen Oros

Christopher Otto
Angela Parent
Elaine Parker
Jessica Pavich
Melissa Petersen
Jared Pierson
Eric Polgar

Nathan Pollock
Nichole Popovich
Michael Powers
Anthony Pruitt
Samantha Quintero
Erica Quiroz
Joshua Rainford

Cory Rakes
Michael Reyna
Heather Rivera
Nancy Robles
Ramon Rocha
Danielle Rossman
Matthew Rusch

Melissa Ryan
Eric Salczynski
Jessica Santos
Stacey Schafer
Julie Scheeringa
Kelli Schoon
Eric Scott

Myoshia Scott
Shannon Sheffield
Matthew Sherry
Pamela Sims
Lisa Skura
Nathan Slathar
Brandon Smelko

Tim Smit
Brooks Smith
Caleb Smith
Reina Smith
Ryan Stage
David Stamper
Kevin Suba

Lawrence Swentzel
Nicholas Taylor
1982-1999
Matthew Terhorst
Falon Terrell
Andrew Textor
Amy Theodozio
Matt Thon

Jason Tomcsi
Ed Tropp
Shauna Tulba
Meghan Tzitz
Erin Ullrich
Tina Varady
Colleen Vechey

Marissa Villasenor
Mirjana Vlahovic
Lindsay Vrane
Brandon Walker
Andrea Wartman
Adam Wartsbaugh
Kristina Watts

Tani Werner
Cassandra White
Brianne Wilsbach
Kevin Wlazlo
Nicole Wolfe
Laura Worley
Shawn Zolcak

Dana Zukanovich

Not Pictured

Janicka Bettis
Jeremy Branson
Raymond Brines
Carrie Giltmier
Javan Hamer
Sasa Jerkovic
M. Allen Johnson
Kandis Knight
Bret Matthews
Jeremy McCarthy
Leonardo Muro
Amanda Paul
Brandice Reesman
Nicole Romesburg
Craig Sims
Andjela Subotic
Rachel Sweet
Frederick Walczak

Say "Cheese."

Photographer extraordinary for a junior **Nichole Popovich** poses for Margie Feathey. Consumer awareness, Popovich and other students waiting in the hallway outside of Feathey's room.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Gimme a break

Watching in anticipation, juniors **Joshua Banning**, **Samantha Quintero**, and **David Colby** take some time out to catch up on the day's events. The best of friends of many students, school then is fun to find out that they have to find other ways to cope with their homes.

The magic moment

During their reign, juniors **Matthew Sherry** and **Lora Melton** wait on the stage. Sherry and Melton were chosen as the prince king and queen. Juniors **Colin Banta** and **Emily Coddington** were the recipients of these titles.

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Heave-ho!

Pulling with the tug-of-war team, junior Brandon Smeko tries to pull against the other team. Heave-ho! The annual Activities Day was held on a cloudy, rainy day due to inclement weather.

Sing a little song

Singing at the podium, junior **Brandon Smeko** sings the hymns, better known as lanterns, at Saint James church in Highland. Smeko was a member of the lights choir.

My country 'tis of thee . . .

With important events like getting a license and taking the SATs, many students completely overlook one of the most important happenings of their junior year. During the course of the junior year, students learn about American history and American literature. Many students feel that this setup is particularly advantageous.

"With world history in your sophomore year and government and economics in your senior year, your junior year is really the only place to put [these classes]," said junior **Brandon Fane**.

A concern of some students is that all of the American classes come so late in the high school career. Other students feel that this isn't a problem.

"I don't feel that it's a problem because you are able to better understand it," junior **Eric Salczynski** said. "After learning about the history of Zimbabwe and Abu-Dabi, it just seems easier to go back to your roots."

While American history may not be as decisive as the SATs or as exciting as getting a license, it is important to know if only to obtain a richer background and culture.

-Josh Martin

Strummin' Along

Hangin' out together, junior **Eric Salczynski** teaches junior **Amanda Grcevich** how to play "Sweet Home Alabama." "Sweet Home Alabama" is one of my favorite songs," said Grcevich.

Let's out it out!

Checkin' out her new 'do, junior **Carrie Giltmier** plays with junior **Kathryn Mochon's** hair. Mochon likes her new hair cut. "It's a new look at Griffith and it suits up," said Mochon. Short hair was popular among the girls at GHS.

Photo by Michelle Cuneo

Bobby's World

Working during French class, junior **Bobby Lasseiter** relaxes near an open window while he does his FP assignment, which his way to learn by using hand signals. "Mr. Fech is a good teacher and he's also energetic," said Lasseiter.

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Operation SAT

Juniors plan their future

Your future. You probably know what that is, or maybe you don't. College may be part of many peoples' future. Usually a student's junior year is the year they begin looking for a college to attend. For students at GHS, taking the SATs was part of finding the right college.

Many juniors would be taking the SATs for the first time. The big test could have been intimidating for some students, but not junior **Ramon Rocha**.

"I don't think it'll be hard, because I did good on the PSATs and I've heard that's harder," said Rocha.

Junior **Elaine Parker**, who wanted to possibly go into the field of sports medicine, also thought it would be pretty easy.

"I'm taking an SAT class and I'm doing good on the sample problems," said Parker.

Not everyone was confident that they would do good on the SATs. Junior **Gregory Cooper** was a little apprehensive about the test

"I think the SATs will be hard because I don't know like half of the words on there," said Cooper.

Regardless of which college a student chose to attend, it was imperative that he or she take the SATs. In many cases, a student's SATs score was the deciding factor in college admission.

-Eric Salczynski and Josh Martin

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Construction 101

Get an help from **Marge Keithley**, consumer sciences, junior **Emily Coddington**, **Hayley Baccino**, **Bonnie Eddy** and **Lisa Hartman** who, in their gingerbread houses, in child development class, students learned how to take care of kids.

What lunch do you have?

After registering for school, juniors **Elizabeth Amelher** and **Julie Jordan** chew to see what lunch time, hard. Mix-ups in scheduling resulted in issues, hysteria. Lunches were overcrowded and some students unknowingly went to with "B" and "C" lunches.

You Go Girl

Showing school spirit, junior **Emily Coddington** checks on her powder puff. Pin-ups tested on Activities Day. The juniors became Activities Day winners for the first time.

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A Father Daughter Chat

Looking over her padded shoulder, junior **Kandis Knight** receives a rose at the day's speeches. Knight's father attended her speech rounds for the day.

Feliz Cumpleaños

Hearing the voices of fellow students, junior **Ramon Rocha** listens to his spanish class sing "Happy Birthday." **Irma Coddington** sings to all the students when it's their birthday. "I felt really stupid because everyone was looking at me, but it was a lot of fun" said Rocha.

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Photo by Tony Pupa

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What's going on?

Listening to a lecture, juniors Nicholas Jovanovich, Nicholas Crawford, and Christopher Brockhart stand for a few minutes... Many students caught up during the five-minute passing period.

Student for a Day

Listening to a lecture, junior Angela Subotic and principal Linda Einsele take notes. Einsele shadowed Subotic "as a student." "I got to know her," Einsele said of Subotic, "as a person," said Subotic.

Dreaming to drive

Driving law affects juniors

Driving with friends was what many students looked forward to when they turned 16. A new law, which went into effect January 1,1999, stated that drivers can only drive either alone or with an adult for the first 90 days after they get their license, not with friends.

Some students weren't very happy with the new restriction on their freedom.

"I've been wanting to get my license forever," junior **Lara Gonzalez** said. "I disagree [with the law] because driving with friends is the whole point to getting your license."

Most students would much rather drive with their friends because they are less stressful to drive with.

"It's easier to drive with your friends rather than your parents," junior **Brianne Wilsbch** said, "because parents freak out and hit the imaginary break on the passenger side."

Now the dream of turning 16 and the freedom that comes with it will be delayed for three months.

-Brandi Harveth

Jason Alexander
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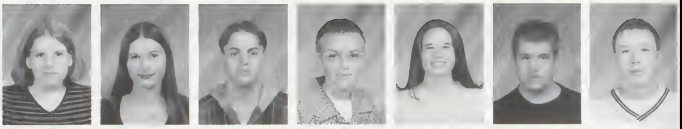

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Michael Pettigrew
Christina Pierce
Jonathan Powell
Vincent Repasi
Mario Ruff
Adam Stitt
Nicholas Szany
Kimberly Tate
Jillian Tsirtsis
Lance White
Jerome A. Williams

And the winner is...

Rising up a section of tables, sophomore **Brett Bierman** the concession and throws in a little hurryer-beer pong. Needless to say, at the end, basketball game against Crown Point, the good team. They ended up on top 62.

We are #1...

Leading some encouraging words of wisdom to stride in the hall, sophomore **Lindsey Powers** shows her support for the Boston University cheerleaders to the team with some hometown smith as but sure the hometown team.

Getting some grub

Leaving their plates, sophomores **David Gutowsky**, **Shawn R. Fewitt**, and **Rebecca Smith** celebrate the Bizarre Brunfeast. Sheryl Vaclavik's sophomore English classes had the opportunity of producing a rap project for the play, *Julius Caesar*.

Making tunes

While tuning her music, sophomore **Amanda Nichols** plays a marimba she is using in a percussion ensemble. "I do my best to make sure that I spend a little time each day just for music," Nichols said.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Photo by Matt Fliter

Let's dance

Taking a break from their [illegible], sophomore **Stephanie Bridegroom** dances with Spanish teacher **Irma Coddington**. "It was fun, she just put on some Spanish music and asked me if I'd dance," Bridegroom said.

Photo by Dennis J. Sweeder Jr.

What to wear?

Sophomores express how to dress

From grungy to preppy, to being in style or outdated, students have many trends that they enjoy wearing. Some students dress for style, but most go for comfort.

"I wear what is comfortable, but it needs to be somewhat cute," sophomore **Elizabeth Dash** said, "usually something like jeans and a sweater if the weather is cold."

Sometimes a sporting event helped to decide what to wear the next day, whether it was to dress up or to dress down.

"I like to dress up about once a week because I don't always like to look grungy," sophomore **Veronica Solis** said. "Most of the time it's because of a game or swim meet that we have that day."

Students wore different types of clothing throughout the year. In summertime, girls tended to wear tank tops, but when the school year started, styles changed because of the dress code. For guys, the school dress code didn't really affect them.

"I usually wear jeans and a T-shirt," sophomore **Anthony Potesta** said. "It just depends on how warm or cold my classes are."

Whatever students chose to wear, it showed off their individuality, character, and a hint of personality.

-Brandi Harveth

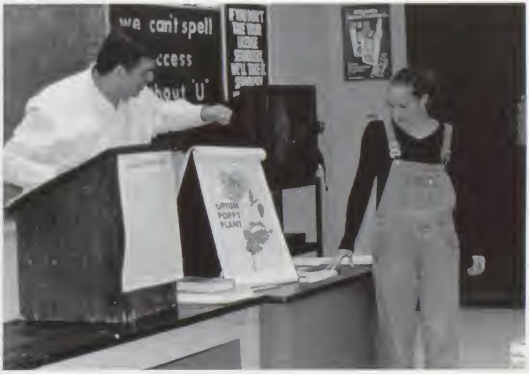
Photo by Matt Fliter

Working Hard

Working to finish an assignment, sophomore Michelle Cutka tries to get her homework done before class is over. Students tried to finish homework before the end of the day so they didn't have to take it home.

Healthiness is happiness

Showing a display, sophomore Julianna Gajewski studies drugs with help from health teacher, Ron Divjak. All sophomore students had to take health as a requirement to graduate.



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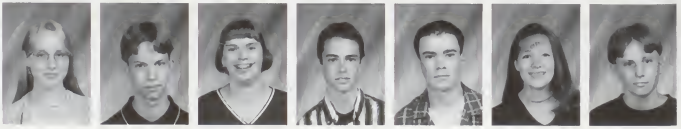

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"I won Most Valuable Player for the freshman basketball team."

Freshman Neil Dimos

Memorable Moments

"My greatest memory of this year is when I realized this is my last year of gym class."

Freshman Jessica Raddatz

Photo by Annie Hecht

Just goofing around. During one time, freshman **Christopher Gomez** nacho-eats during freshmen pep band. "We had just had run-in-out," explained, "so Miss Julia [Lachmoza] gave us a day off."

Photo by Dennis J. Sneyder Jr.

Quench your thirst
Making a selection, freshman **Kristen Salczynski** gets a soda from the pop machine in the gym bag area during lunch. "I eat here because it's less crowded than the cafeteria," she said.

Photo by Kelli Schoon

The creative juices are flowing
Sewing a pattern, freshman **Angela Mazur** works on her needlepoint in Mrs. Nancy Ashton's advanced art class. "I love art and the class is a lot of fun," said Mazur, "but I didn't like the project so much because it took too long."

Photo by Annie Hecht

Another step ahead

Freshmen walk the road to adulthood

The first day of high school. You're not a little kid anymore. You're a freshman. Excitement, nervousness, new teachers, new friends. And you think, "Will I enjoy it?"

For freshmen **Adam Brownfield** and **Rachel Albright**, high school looks like an exciting experience.

"You have more choices (in high school)," said Brownfield. "In junior high, you don't get to choose your own classes, but in high school you do."

Albright has a slightly different outlook on the next four years.

"(High) school excites me because it gives me a chance to see and talk to my friends, and to meet new people," said Albright. "I'll also be more involved in school activities."

Freshman **Joe Tharp** is scared about one aspect of high school life.

"[I'm scared about] being tardy and getting suspended," said Tharp. "My classes are so spread apart that I have no time to stop at my locker to get books."

However hard, scary or exciting high school seemed, Tharp felt that high school would definitely get better.

"I can start preparing for life," said Tharp. "I can choose classes that are best suited for my desired profession."

-Amber Hecht and Jessica Everhart

Showing school spirit
Participating in homecoming events, freshmen **Megan Messino** and **Elizabeth Potesta** draw pawprints on the poster in the hallway. "This year was the best year there was a freshman class course and they actively participated in homecoming."

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The School Board

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Sheila Vaclavik
Thomas Wells
Don Whittemore
Marilyn A. Young

"My biggest pet peeve is..."

"...Whining students."
Katherine Martinez, Spanish

"...When students ignore me."
Ronald Dvojak, health

"...Bad grammar."
Lisa Megquier, English

"... Rude and disrespectful people."
Nancy K. Branyan, science

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Helping Students A student from the 1970s stepped into a picture, Margie Keithley, family and consumer science, needed a hand in her class. "I was taking pictures of my students for our web page," Keithley said. To help out with that, Teresa Carstensen, and Darryl Carstensen, math, invited parents to visit at open house. Parents had the opportunity to talk to their student's teachers about grades and classroom behavior. Pictured from a future, Eric Schreiber, history, teaches his daily lesson. This was Schreiber's first year teaching, as well as coaching the girls track team.

Typing Away...
taking advantage of free period. **Daniel McCoy**, sophomore, types a test for his typing class. "I love Shoulder," said McCoy. "It's my favorite class to teach."

Pass the page of that
Looking for a twist today, **Tom Wells**, physical education, takes cover from the sun under an umbrella. This year, Homecoming activities were held on the 7th hours on the day of the Homecoming game, A tote 2.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

The work keeps on coming
Reading carefully, **Carolyn Brown**, Freshman, grades journeys in design projects. "I was really impressed with how the projects turned out, but they took a long time to grade," said Brown.

Photo by Mark Tiller

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Teacher Motivation

Keeping students' heads up

Is your day filled with group projects, class discussions, and creative artwork? It's not art class or 'free day'-it's the teacher's way of keeping students' attention.

Techniques, like the few mentioned above, are often implemented by **Katherine Martinez**, Spanish.

"I start each class off with the 'Question of the Day,'" said Martinez. "I also offer 'puntos' [paper money] for answers and volunteers."

Brian Jennings, English, has another way of keeping kids interested.

"I don't do anything special," said Jennings. "I just try to tie the material in with real life experiences."

With the help of teachers like Jennings and Martinez, who try to make learning fun, every day can seem like 'free day.'

-Amber Hecht

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Having a chat

Listening attentively, **Theresa Swetky**, French/English, converses with interested parents at open house. Open house was held Thursday, November 1, in the field house.

Mmm...lunch

Preparing for lunch, [illegible] teacher **Timothy Powers** moves the salad with salad dressing. Powers has eaten lunch in Vance McCoy's classroom all year.

Stephanie Biegle

Imagine preparing for a recital, or for a performance in a famous ballet or musical in Chicago or around the region. Well this comes as second nature to sophomore Stephanie Biegle and she is just getting started. With classes five days a week at either Broad Street Dance Studio or one of a few studios in Chicago, she is definitely talented and serious about what she does.

Biegle has been dancing for nine years and basically loves every minute of it. She has been in productions of the famous ballet The Nutcracker, sponsered by the Chicago Tribune Charities in Chicago, Illinois, and in the Indiana Youth Ballet production of Peter Pan around the area, along with many other performances.

"It takes a lot of work and tons of dedication," Biegle said. "But I think that it's definitely worth every minute of it."

Biegle has barely just begun and is not ready to stop. She plans to go on after high school and pursue a career in dance with professional company.

-Brandi Harveth

Michael Andree Jr.

Volunteer fire fighting may do for now, but Michael Andree Jr. is just getting started. Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, every day after school and on the weekends Andree answers pages to help put fires out. He has attended school for two years for training and has been volunteer fire fighting for Griffith for a little over a year. After graduation, Andree plans to pursue a career working in Plant Security at U.S. Steel, where he will have the same authorities as a police officer and he will be patroling the plant in his own patrol car. As soon as his classes are finished and his certificates are completed to become an Emergency Medical Technician, Andree plans to become a full time fireman at U.S. Steel. The most exciting experience Andree has taken part over the year was when junior Lara Gonzalez's garage and house caught on fire.

"It's not cool to watch peoples things burn, but it's exciting to put the fire out," said Andree. When he turns 21 he plans to transfer to the Hammond Fire Department where his grandfather worked for forty-two years and dedicate himself to saving lives and putting out fires.

-Sara Grudzien

Lindsay Chapa

As a fourth grader at St. Catherines School, Lindsay Chapa would sit on the sidelines and watch her mother play volleyball in a league at Morton High School. That was when she decided she wanted to start playing volleyball. She then started taking part in an instructing league that taught her the basic rules to the game. The following year as a fifth grader she took part in the volleyball team for St. Catherine's and she has been part of volleyball teams every year. Besides making Griffith High School's volleyball team for three consecutive years in a row starting her freshman year, this year was her first year on the varsity team under head coach Michelle Castillo. Other than school volleyball, for the past 4 years Chapa has been playing Dunes volleyball. The Dunes leagues take place during the winter and she practices at Harrison Middle School.

"So I basically come right out of the high school season and right into Dunes," said Chapa. She enjoys the league more because it is less stressful and a lot less intense than school volleyball. Learning new things and keeping herself from getting out of the habit is her main goal during the off season.

-Sara Grudzien

For the 1998-1999 school year being his last year at Griffith High School, senior Eddie Covarrubias is doing more than slacking off. As his graduation nears everything is falling into place. Starting at the age of 16 besides getting his license, his goal was to get a real job. Being his first job, little did he know that he would hold a position as 2nd assistant manager at the Arbys store in Munster. He has worked there for almost 2 years. He opens the store and sometimes closes down at night.

Part time work will do for now but he plans to work full time in the summer.

Eddie Covarrubias

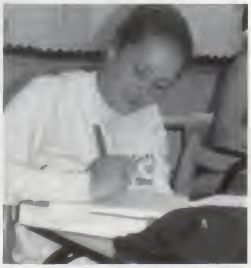
Outside of school and his job, Covarrubias is involved in much more. He has 4 differrent agencies getting him jobs as an extra in movies and he also promotes products to the public. He has been an extra in the movies *Never been Kissed* and *The Visitors* which will be coming to theaters soon, starring Christina Applegate.

Heading down the road to Columbia College in Illinois, Covarrubias plans to fulfill his acting career by majoring in Management in Entertainment.
-Sara Grudzien

Anthony Pruitt

When you think about being 17 and only a junior in high school you think of being carefree. In January of 1999, junior Anthony Pruitt passed out in Mark Swanson's class and was immediately rushed to the emergency room were he eventually found out he has a heart condition. Pruitt has a a condition in which there is bulging of the mitro valve which causes blood to wash back up into the upper chamber of his heart. It is called Mitro Valve Prolapse. This doesn't prohibit Pruitt from anything except from caffiene and smoking (which he does not do anyway), just as long as he gets his exercise by running, swimming and maintaining a good diet. Before receiving an operation or even getting his teeth cleaned, Pruitt has to take antibiotics, two hours before and after the procedures. He has always had high blood pressure but he never expected to find that he had a heart condition. Things were a little hazy at first when he saw his first physician. When he received word that he might need an operation he got a second opinion which kept him in the clear. Even though he did not need an operation, he still has to take proper precautions.
-Sara Grudzien

Kara Kmiec



How would you like taking risks every time you participate in something you really enjoy? Well this is all a reality for junior Kara Kmiec. For the past seven years, Kmiec has been competing and practicing trampoline at TNT Twisters Tumbling and Trampoline in Highland, and in October of 1998, she went to Sydney, Australia to compete in the World Age Group Games. Kmiec enjoys her sport for many different reasons.

"I enjoy my sport because not many people do it (trampoline)," Kmiec said. "It keeps me in shape, it's fun, it involves taking lots of risks, it is really challenging, and I like to travel."

At the moment Kmiec is undecided about what to do further in trampoline and tumbling. Also, Kmiec has participated on the GHS swimming and diving team and says all of her trampoline and tumbling work has helped her with her diving. She's still going to jump because she enjoys it, even if she doesn't continue to compete in the future.

-Brandi Harveth

David Moore

Being an E2 Second Class Private in the National Guard became a reality for junior David Moore. About 6 months ago, Moore decided to enlist after he met a recruiter in the hall of GHS.

"I was walking in the hallway and saw a recruiter standing by the office, and I started talking with him," Moore said. "He called me later and I met with him. Then I decided to enlist."

Moore enjoys the Guard because it gives him a chance to see other places besides Indiana, and his best friend, Dan Bruce, from Highland is in it with him. Also he wants to stay in the National Guard for awhile.

"I plan to stay in it [the National Guard] long enough so that I can retire from it and receive retirement pay," Moore said. "I hope to work my way up to First Sergeant."

Along with being in the Guard, Moore enjoys many different things. He likes to hang out and drive around with his friends, go dancing, fishing, play volleyball, and many other things. Also, he has rollerbladed for the past two years. *-Brandi Harveth*

Valedictorian is what Laura Zagrocki is to the graduating class of 1999.

"Once I found out I was valedictorian, I decided I should keep going for it," said Zagrocki.

Taking all the Advanced Placement classes available to keep her class rank has really paid off. In the winter Zagrocki received the Valedictorian Scholarship but that was just one among the various received. She has been awarded two more scholarships which include the Dye Scholarship that will pay for her tuition, and the Hoosier Scholarship. Zagrocki plans to attend Indiana University in the fall where she will be majoring in either pre-med or pre-optometry. She plans to get her doctorate in either of the paths that she chooses.

Laura Zagrocki

Aside from it all, Zagrocki can simply say that her senior year was her favorite memory while attending Griffith High School. Her goals were set and now they are achieved. She pushed herself to become all she could be, and now she has been recognized for her accomplishments.

-Sara Grudzien

Making people laugh, changing personalities, or even just putting on a fake accent is what junior Mike Cservenak is all about. He has acted in plays such as *Pippen*, *Don't Mention My Name*, and *Sweet Charity*, among other shows. Also, his skit of Monty Python won Best of Show in the GHS Talent Show. Aside from acting in plays, he has been taking classes for comedy improv at The Second City in Chicago for the past five months.

"I heard about it, and have been in shows before," he said. "So I looked it [The Second City] up on the Internet and called."

In his past show, *Sweet Charity*, he portayed Vitorio Vidal. It was his favorite lead so far.

"I like that lead the best," he said. "I liked doing the Italian accent."

Cservenak would like to pursue a career in acting in the future. Also, he would like to direct the play next year.

"It's always been my dream," he said. "I'll go with it wherever it takes me and if I'm successful in acting."

He has learned a lot from his acting career that can be applied into everyday life.

"One thing I have learned is that you can screw up anywhere in life," he said, "but not on stage."

-Brandi Harveth

Mike Cservenak

Joshua Moon

Almost every weekend you can find sophomore Joshua Moon getting pelted by dime size paintball pellets. For the past three years, he has been paintballing at Blast Camp, in Hobart, after one of his friends asked him to go paintballing for the very first time. He was so fascinated that he wanted to go back.

"It was so exciting," he said. "There's such a thrill in being shot at with pellets."

There are many reasons to go paintballing, according to Moon.

"Paintballing relieves a lot of stress," he said. "And it gives me lots of good exercise."

Along with Moon, junior Matthew Najar, and sophomores Jason Schultz and Christopher Peacock go paintballing with him most of the time. Their team is named Team Voodoo.

Besides paintballing, Josh has many other hobbies. He plays golf and soccer for GHS as well as in his free time. He also enjoys swimming.

-Brandi Harveth

Dayna Scheeringa

Imagine living and helping to care for foster children from all over the world. Well this comes natural for senior Dayna Scheeringa. She is the only natural child with six other adopted children, and many foster children.

"We do this because we love children," she said. "And because we love to help people who can't help themselves."

Also, Scheeringa travels to South America to help people who are poor and who are in need of medical attention. Her mother brings children with many different disabilities up to Chicago to try to help them.

"I do all I can to help my mom with her job," she said.

When Scheeringa turns 21 she would like to adopt a little girl who has been living with her for three years, but she has to wait till she is 21.

"There are so many processes for adopting a child," she said. "You have to be 21, have a job and be stable."

Scheeringa plans on having children of her own some day along with the children that she adopts.

-Brandi Harveth

Hillary and Mallory Bernath

Have you ever heard the phrase "they look alike, they talk alike and sometimes even walk alike?" Well this is the truth for freshmen Hillary and Mallory Bernath. The two have developed a relationship while growing up and have become inseparable.

"We go everywhere together," Mallory said. "At least our friends don't mix us up that much anymore."

With being so close, Hillary and Mallory enjoy the same activities. They have danced at Jeanne's Dance Academy since they were three when their parents got them involved. Also, this past year they started student teaching there.

"It's really fun and keeps us both fit," Hillary said.

Aside from dance, they also enjoy television, rollerblading, sewing, among many other things. The two are definitely a mirror image.

-Brandi Harveth

Time for Work

Besides school, homework , sports and extracurricular activities, some students had one more thing to worry about- a part-time job. While some lucked out with not having to work throughout their high school career, others found it necessary to survive and some even liked working.

Many students found jobs in the food industry, at local restaurants such as McDonald's, Subway, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Wendy's, while others worked at the new Big K (K-Mart), Showplace 16 or Meijer.

After work, students also patronized many local businesses by getting their senior pictures taken at Titak Photography in Schererville and buying their class rings at Griffith Jewelers. Some found a place to eat in downtown Griffith, at Boz's Hot Dogs, Bridges Scoreboard, Dave and Lee's Restaurant, or Villa Pizza.

Many students found convenience in the new Split Second gas station in Griffith, and others traveled to Plaza Lanes or the Daily Perk for entertainment or a sweet treat.

Whether it was working for or just paying a visit to one of local hangouts, Griffith High School students contributed and made themselves a part of the community in every way. *-Nicole Voges*

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Bagging groceries, junior Amy Theodozio gets ready to help a customer out to his car. Theodozio has worked at the Strack and Van Til's in Highland for over a year.

Photo by Dennis J. Swender Jr.

Painting a sign on a business' window, senior Jennifer Vazmonis participates in an event meant to raise spirit and pride during the football season. As co-president of Bewster Club, Vazmonis helped plan such events as window painting, along with decorating lockers, bulletin boards and a winter clothing drive.

Working the cash register, sophomore Sarah Handley waits on a customer at Dairy Queen. Like Handley, many students took on part time jobs at fast food restaurants to help pay for cars, to save for college or just for extra spending money.

Time for some grub...

...at Bennigan's

"I like to eat at Bennigan's," said sophomore **Ashley Wilson**. "They have the best food in the world."

...at Round the Clock

"We eat at Round the Clock all the time," said junior **Julie Newman**. "They are the only place open really late."

...at Hooters

"I like to eat at Hooters because they have good hamburgers," said sophomore **Mario Ruff**. "The chicken wings are good too."

...at a friend's house

"My favorite place to eat is at my friend Laura Blahunka's house," said freshman **Kim Reyome**. "She always has good food."

Stacy Buckner

Stacy,

We can't believe you are 18 and ready to graduate. It seems like only yesterday you were our sweet little baby. Now you are our beautiful, intelligent, young lady. You have brought us more joy and pride than you could ever imagine. Remember always believe in yourself and you will succeed. Good luck in college.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

Sarah Kagel

Sarah,

We're so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We look forward to what the future holds in store for you.

Remember- follow your heart- it knows the way.

We love you,
Mom and Pop

Joe Laviolette

Joe,

Since the day you were born you've been a fighter, never giving up on anyone or anything you believe in. Knowing that you are such a compassionate person makes us proud. May your future be filled with happiness.

We love you Hammer.
Forever,
Mom and Dad

Bill Werner

Dear Bill,

I still remember you in this outfit. You were always happy and smiling. As you continue with your life, always keep smiling and be happy with whatever you choose to do. We'll be behind you all the way. We love you and are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lori Mills

Baby Lori,

Always remember to be a kind and caring person. Also, keep a positive attitude and work hard for the good things life has to offer. That is all we ever wanted for you. We are proud of you!

Love forever,
Mom and Dad

Angie Krsak

Angie,

We can't believe that this time is here. 18 years of proudly watching you grow and accomplish everything you set out to do. We know your future will hold everything you envision.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Tim, and Nicole
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Tennille Grasha

My baby has grown up.

In the beginning I just wanted ten fingers and ten toes, but I was in for a surprise. There were the [illegible] agencies, the modeling, the [illegible], the pageants, from our town Miss Snowflake to Miss Preteen of Palm Springs. What a wild ride. There was the cheerleading, [illegible] on the stage. You have been a twinkle in our eyes, [illegible] with [illegible] on your mind. [illegible] Remember this throughout your life and you will always be [illegible]

Love,
Mom, Dad, [illegible]

Colleen Strauch

From the first day that we brought you home from the hospital you filled our hearts with pride. As the years have passed by that pride has only grown. We are so proud of the person that you have become.

Congratulations.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Brenton

Steven Laurinas

Having you for a son is the best part of our lives. Always remember how much we love and belive in you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Sarah Jansen

Sarah,
You are a precious precious gift. We love you dearly. Watching you grow up to be a responsible young lady. And you are a giver, Sarah, both at home and at school. What a delight it has been attending every dance recital, concert and play presentation you have been involved in. Making the most of your high school years you have done. No one can take these memories from you. Keep up the good work!
Mom and Dad, Gran and Richard, and Del

Jill Palmer

To Jill,
Congratulations and good luck in the future. May all your dreams come true, ours have for being related to someone as special as you.
Love always and forever,
Dad, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Sara, Amie, Aunt Patty, Uncle Steve and Danny

Vanessa Hughes

Vanessa,
You've come a long way baby. Congratulations! We're so proud of you. Your determination will bring you success. Best of luck in all that you do. There will always be a special place in our hearts for you.
Reach for the stars.
I love you,
Mom, Ernie, Dave, Teddy, and Emily

Jill Palmer

Friend, lover and now from the start. First event born in Suburban Lake County, January 1st 1969. Jill Leigh Anne Palmer. Destined to be special. I never forget the laughs, smiles, and tears we shared. You're an extraordinary person, and I'm proud of you. Remember great times at Lolly's on our Uh-Uh hahn-hay. Congratulations on your graduation. I know you can see the light at the camp now go. It's your turn Peachy.
Break time.
Love,
Mom

Sara Grudzien

Sara,
It seems like yesterday you were our little toddler and sister. We've watched you grow into a beautiful young woman. You've been through some tough times, but you persevered. We are very proud of you and wish you the best of the future. We wish you success in achieving your goals and hope each your dreams come true. Be true to yourself and you will find happiness.
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Noel and Nikki

Jill Palmer

To the best big sister!
Love,
Sara and Amie

Steve Steinbach

Dear Steve,
Your dad, Ned and I hold you so dugge, with hope, and success. You make us proud. Keep on achieving with education. You have your life ahead of you with no question. We love you, son. Now is a time for happiness and let the times
We're with you every step of the way. Just remember the values and morals you learned through life and in school. We love you.
Dad, Mom, Nicole and Grandma
P.S. May all your dreams come true

Jill Talabay

It seems like yesterday that you were going off to Miss Polly's kindergarten class. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life! May all your dreams for the future come true.

With love and pride,
Mom and Dad

Matthew Gear

Dear Matthew,

You made it! [illegible] be [illegible]

[illegible]

Love,
Mom and Dad

Beth Wilson

Beth,

You've come a long way baby. You have grown into a fine young woman with a bright future. I am proud of who you are and where you are going. Ball State look out!

Much love to you.
From,
Mom

Amy Worth

Amy,

We know how hard you have worked to achieve this goal, and we are very proud of your accomplishments. Both, scholastically and socially, we also know that with God's help you will succeed at any future endeavor.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Josh Martin

Josh,

Words cannot express the pride we take in the wonderful responsible young man you are growing into. The little "devil" in you still loves to shock people. Stay true to yourself and continue to pursue your education. It is your stepping stone to a secure future. We love you and will always be your strongest supporters.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Jeremy, and Jeffery

Jackie Rousseau

Jackie,

A little girl's dreams become reality through creativity and persistence. The young woman that you've become makes me very proud.

Love,
Dad

Josh Martin

Josh,

We waited what seems to be a lifetime for you to get here! Now you're all grown up and off to college. You have fulfilled all of our expectations and more.

We love you,
Grandma and Grandpa

Meagan Clarke

No two parents could be prouder of their daughter's accomplishments than we are of you. It was only yesterday that you were our cute little girl. Now you've grown into a wonderful young woman with remarkable values and goals that will take you far in life.

Good luck at Bloomington next fall. We know you'll make us very proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Olivia

Traci Duncan

Our Dear Traci,
Congratulations on an outstanding high school career. Keep up your great sense of humor and your desire to succeed, and you will achieve all your hopes and dreams throughout your life.
We love you dearly,
Mom and Dad

Scott Gierman

From pre-school graduation to high school graduation, we have watched you grow. Now it is time for the next step. You are ready!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Allison and Emily

Christopher Troksa

Christopher,
Your smile is special to all of us. We are very proud of the person you have become. Thanks for all the wonderful memories we share with you for the last 18 years. You have an award winning smile, so keep smiling. Love ya always, you rascal, Chris! Believe in yourself and you can accomplish anything.
With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Jill and Megan

Jeremy Buzea

Jeremy,
Time flies when you're having fun. But with these years flew by and gone so fast. You have been a blessing to us and we treasure every memory and moment yet to come. When you become a parent yourself, will then will you understand the magnitude of a parent's love. Your brothers look up to you so very much, and for that you should be proud.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Jordan and Jausiny

David Carnahan

David,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you much success and happiness in life. We will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jamie Foy

Congratulations Jamie.
We are very proud of you and admire the beautiful young woman you've become. Your self confidence, good sense of humor, and caring personality will be an asset to you throughout your life. Thank you for filling our lives with joy and laughter.
Never forget how very much you are loved.
Mom and Dad

Cynthia McFadden

Cindy,
Congratulations and best wishes. Always remember to smile!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelly and Joshua

Jamie Foy

Jamie,
May the force be with you!
Congratulations!
Love,
Uncle, Aunt, and Ray

Angela Kozup

Angie,

You have grown up to be a beautiful young lady with a good heart. We are very proud of the person you have become and we love you very much. You will always be our little girl.

Love,
Mom, D2, and Sis

Bridgette Wayo

Bridgette,

Congratulations to our little girl. You're the last to walk the halls of Griffith High. May your life be filled with good health, happiness and success. We'll always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Michele, and Joe

Clint Konopasek

Clint,

You've filled our hearts and our home with wonderful friends, plenty of laughter, and unforgettable memories.

May God's blessings follow your new road.... we wish you life's best.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Corey

Jenny Redar

Jennifer,

What a job well done. We are so proud of you and hope all your dreams come true. You are very special to us and we love you so much. Thanks for all the memories we've shared. You are a GREAT daughter and sister. Good luck in all that you do. I know you will reach your goals. We will always be there for you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Lisa

Nicole Voges

Congratulations Nicole...

We are so proud of you. You have accomplished so much in 18 years. We thank you for the memories you've given us. Good luck at Ball State, and may all your dreams come true. We love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ryan

Amanda Kasper

Amanda,

Congratulations. We are so very proud of all your accomplishments at Girls'. As you leave high school, may all your dreams and wishes come true. You deserve only the very best. Whatever you choose to do, we will be there for you 100%.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Grandma Kasper

Jacqueline Rousseau

Dear Jackie,

I wish I remember the same patience and kindness when you were taking your first steps. In reverse, you're taking your first steps as a young adult out into the world, and the same feelings arise. I see only great things in your future. So are you! I'm such a proud parent and I'll tell you why:

I love you!
Mom

Kristy Florey

Kristy,

Congratulations. We are so proud of you. We wish you the very best as you start another chapter in your life. We know you will continue your education and become a great teacher. Just remember we love you, and we will always be there for you. You're the best.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, and Sally

Sarah Kerr

We are so proud of you. You have given me so many precious memories. Good luck in all you choose to do. Always remember what a special person you are.
We love you,
Mom, Russ, and Pat

Jessie Michels

Jessie,
Thank you for being such a wonderful daughter. We're so very proud of the beautiful young lady you've become. Our love and support goes with you as you start college.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Matt, and Danny

Sarah Kerr

Congratulations Sarah! I'm very proud of you. Reach for the stars dear, and always remember that I love you.
Grandma

Amanda Jennings

Amanda,
We are very proud of you, not only for your accomplishments in school, but for the kind and caring person you have become. You are our angel, and we know your wings will take you to a great place.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, Amy, Jaime, Jeremy, and Alexis

Kelley Zarndt

Dear Kelley,
Eighteen years ago you brought so much happiness and love to our family. What fun we have had watching you grow into a young lady. Has been a wonderful experience. You have become a beautiful, intelligent and loving person, just as we knew you would be. We love and are very proud of you. We know you will continue to do great things. Many years ago we made a promise to be there for you to take your first steps, say your first words. Always remember to know, you are special, that you deserve life, love, our darling daughter, and for the stars. Be happy and know how much you are loved.
Mom and Dad...'59

Rebecca Amos

Congratulations Becki. You've done a wonderful job. You are quite a young lady and I am so very proud of you and what you have achieved. I am so confident you will go far. You have a lot of determination and you never give up. I love you Becki and am very proud.
Love,
Mom

Jennifer Huesken

Dear Jennifer,
The day you were born, our dream came true. You are a "miracle." Thanks for all the "Pod well" moments. We are filled with joy and pride at your many successes and accomplishments. We love you and will always be behind you lifting you up in prayer. You have always made us proud to be called,
Mom and Dad

Rebecca Amos

Becky,
You are our first grandchild and our only granddaughter. You have had a smile on your face since we first met you at six months. All the turmoil in your life and you still bounce back smiling. Good luck in your career choice and your future. Keep smiling sweetheart.
Love,
Grandma and Grandpa Whitehead

Nikki Dimovski

Nikki,
We can't tell you enough how proud of you we are. You're wonderful daughter and young woman. It's time for college now and it seems like just yesterday was your first day of kindergarten.
We love you very much.
Mom, Pollin (Dad), and Cathy

Tony Papa

Tony,
The future is yours. Let nothing interfere with your dreams and goals. Never let discouraging life obstacles. Face each obstacle as a challenge. Rise to the challenge. Your friends and family will always be there to share in your accomplishments as well as your shortcomings. Be yourself...Enjoy life!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Matt

Kyle Plesniak

Congratulations Kyle

Love,
Mom and Dad
Grammas, Maggie and Martha

Nicole Huber

Dear Nicole,
You've given us so much joy. We are proud of all your accomplishments. Set your goals high, and we know that you will succeed in anything you put your heart and mind to. We hope you will always find happiness with the choices you make.
We all love you very much.
Mom, Dad, Natalie, and Rochele

Melisa Smilowski

Since the day you were born you have brought joy and happiness not only to me but to our family. I am confident knowing whatever path you choose with your mora's and intelligence it will be the right one, and lucky for those who cross it.
Im very proud of you.
Mom

Bob Malo

Bob,
Congratulations. Thank you for being a wonderful son and big brother. We are so proud of you. Wishing you continued success and happiness. Hope all your dreams come true. God bless you. We'll always be there for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim and Joe

Marisa Garibay

Marisa,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are so talented. Believe in yourself and your dreams will come true.
Love always,
Dad, Mom, Susan, Ramon, and Timothy

Nathan Ramsey

Nathan,
You finally made it! We are very proud of you. Continue to keep your faith and always do your best. You're great and we love you!
Mom and Dad

Melissa Steapleton

Congratulations Melissa.
We are so proud of your academic accomplishments. Thanks for all the memories swimming, choir, Honor Society, etc. Remember to keep God first in your life and know how much we love you and believe in you. We will miss you very much while you are away at college.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Megan

Tammy Martin

Tammy,
When you were born, it was one of the happiest moments of our lives. Watching you grow and learn how to walk, talk and be a caring individual was so rewarding. Doing well in school, learning to drive well, working hard in all you do, always making us so very proud. You've turned out to be everything we've ever dreamed of in a daughter.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Joe

Kelly Schoeffel

My beautiful Ellen,
To my sweet daughter, always do your best and what is in your heart. Never let anybody or anything hold you back. You are a very special young woman and you make my life worth living. May God bless and keep you always. Fantastic future. Congratulations 99. Good future with health, happiness and peace.
Love,
Mom

Patrick Fuentes

We are very proud of you son.
Keep up your great musical talents.
Remember what's important in life and that we'll always be there for you. Good luck at Ball State.
Love,
From all of us

Suzanne Wargo

Suz,
We are very proud of you and all that you have and will accomplish. We know you will achieve all that you desire because you have such determination. Your strong will has at times tried the patience of a saint, but it is what will help you to accomplish all that you set out to do. Your brother has at times thought you to be a pain but loves you just the same.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jerome

Katrina Schmell

Remember I loved you first.
Love,
Mom

Paul Dudley

It's hard to believe your high school days are over. It seems like yesterday that they laid you in my arms. You've made me happy, and I'm thankful for you. I've watched you grow into a fine young man, and I'm proud of you. You walk into a new life, searching new adventures. With the help of God, I know you'll achieve whatever you ask. Remember, I'll always love you, and be there for you.
Love,
Mom

Chad Lukas

Never dull. Thanks for making our lives fun. We love you and wish you nothing but happiness.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brad, and Adam

Amber Scartozzi

Renee'
Soyez be'ni en tous se
que vous faits.
Love,
Mom

Josh Martin

Joshua,
A grandson with integrity, intelligence, imagination and intuitiveness. Follow your dreams and you'll go far.
We're proud of you.
Love,
Grandma & Grandpa
Martin

Mike Andree Jr.

Mikie Jr.,
From the time you took a walk and rub you have had the determination watching adults go in the house in the freezer and know you hide the freezer. Your hopes and dreams have come true. You took on a big responsibility to help others and that's great. But when duty calls, be very careful on and look out what hover you and in it your way.
Congratulations son we are so proud of you.
We love you!
Mom, Dad and brother Eric

Nicole Voges

Surprise Nicole,
This has been an incredible year and you have been happy to let everything rest on your shoulders. I've never had to do so little as an adviser, which was really nice. I'm not only proud of you for your leadership, but for the quality journalism work you did in this last book of the millenium. There's no doubt in my mind you'll be a huge success some day soon. I can't wait to read your byline in Vogue.
Love,
Miss Brown
P.S. Thanks for babysitting pumpkin

Ian Flores

Ian,
We are proud of the man you have become. Your dad and I have made us laugh so many times. Seeing your smile is worth more than you will ever know. You have been and always will be with a soul and kind that are meant to be. You have shown in your own individual way the courage it takes to really be a champ. Keep on the path you have followed and you will be a success.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Jone

Dennis Swender

Dennis,
And you thought Fay's job was easy. Being a leader is never easy there are so many worries. I have to tell you though that you have handled all of them well. I'm so glad I talked you into staying, Dennis, because I've really enjoyed working with you. Your contributions to this book cannot be measured, and I hope you enjoy "reflecting" back on it as much as I know I will. Good luck even though you probably won't need it.
Love,
Miss Brown

William Torres

Ant,
Congratulations! You made it.
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Missy

Sara Grudzien

Sara,
Thanks for some great memories this year. The only thing I'm really unhappy about is that you didn't take journalism earlier. I really enjoyed working with you and spending lunch with you and the others. Keep smiling, 'cause you're beautiful; forget all the ugly jokes.
Love,
Miss Brown

Dear Pantherettes,
This year was great! Thanks for all the memories. You guys were awesome at competition. All your hard work payed off. I'm proud of you guys. I'll miss you seniors!
Love,
Miss Jones

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of '99

Candice Peters, Michelle Prewit, Angie Kozup, Ashley Wilson, Diana Ballas, Kara Kmiec

Amanda Kasper, Lora Melton, Jenni Vaznonis

Love, the G.H.S. Cheerleaders

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Class of '99

Teacher patrons

Carolyn Brown
Judith Surovek
Susan Patricks
KatherineMartinez
Larry Parker
Kim Vessell

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Once in a Lifetime

As the doors of GHS closed to the last school year of the millenium, many of the 962 students who attended had big plans for the end of the school year and for the summer. Honor Society closed out the year by holding their annual blood drive in April and raising money for cystic fibrosis in May. Many organizations were busy electing officers for the next year and sports were holding call-out meetings for the following season. The baseball team made it to regionals, where they lost to Kankakee Valley. After all the banquets, the top ten dinner, recognition night, senior ditch day and final exams, students found that the end of the year went by rather quickly. Through tragic events, students managed to unite together and become closer.

Between summer school courses and drivers education that the school offered, summer sports programs and part-time jobs, underclassmen had plenty of opportunities to keep busy until the next school year. Graduated seniors became busy getting ready for college with summer orientation and registration, while some were starting their careers early.

At graduation, which was held in the varsity gym, Laura Zagrocki, valedictorian, Karl Grimmer, salutatorian and Jennifer Vaznonis, class president gave speeches to the senior class about the past, the future and everything in between. After commencement, many-*continued on next page*

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Diligently performing his duties, senior **Anthony Cruse** does a check of the lockers during his patrolling and taking down the flag walk-line every day by students.

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Heading to a computer competition, juniors **Ramon Rocha, Justin Falk, Joshua Rainford** and **Eric Salczynski** leave school for the day. Rocha, Falk and Salczynski took 4th place at St. Joseph's University.

Making a poster on a tablecloth, senior **Traci Duncan** helps decorate the gym the night before a fall sal game. In Spanish club, Duncan helped other members decorate the tables, lockers and boom rooms for different games.

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Standing by senior Jacqueline Rousseau's locker, Tom Swetky, [illegible] **shows off his new hat as Rousseau shuffles through some papers.** Swetky also taught French, and Rousseau had been taking French for four years.

Sitting in on a Remnant meeting, [illegible] **Elisabeth Helfen** [illegible] **in the Remnant business office. Helfen** [illegible] **Remnant** [illegible] **years.**

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Giving a little tug, [illegible] **Joshua Tretan** [illegible] **during Artists' Day. Tretan also won Best Hair at the senior banquet.**

Waiting to receive their diplomas, [illegible] **Jerry Dalach, Benjamin DeJesus and Joan Doppler** [illegible] **graduation ceremonies.**

Getting ready for a picture, the senior class lines up on the bleachers in the gym. Sponsors **Barbara Deleget** and **Russ Radtke** helped organize the picture with the top ten in front and every other row with boys and girls.

Getting a haircut, sophomore **Philip Schosberg** participates in the first ever Career Fair sponsored by DECA. The fair was held in the fieldhouse and businesses from all over were asked to participate.

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And You May Ask Yourself...

...how did I make it?

"I did a lot of studying, paid attention and had study parties with my friends," said junior ***Lora Melton****.*

...what am I going to do now?

"This being my final summer of true freedom, I'm going to try and experience as many new things as possible before I go away to college," said senior ***Joshua Martin****.*

...what was the best part?

"The best thing about this year was probably Prom," said junior ***Matthew Sherry****. "Everyone was there together and we had a lot of fun."*

Reflecting on the game, senior **Jeremy Buzea** stations himself over first. The Panthers won their sectional game against Highland. "We [seniors] felt we had to win the game or we would have failed," said Buzea. "It was exciting after we won and it was a very emotional time."

Once in a Lifetime

-continued from previous page newfound freedom by having grad parties and open houses, and going to places like the beach, the drive-in or miniature golfing with their friends.

Though many changes occured during the year, students managed to adapt to new rules and overcome obstacles that they faced. Some students, especially seniors, would miss things about school, like certain friends and teachers that they felt they might never see again. One thing they could hold on to was their memory of GHS and the school year that was filled with many *Once in a Lifetime* experiences.

-Nicole Voges

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Working on their final project, senior partners Mark Govert and Michael Tomaszewski make a spreadsheet in Microsoft computer applications class. The pair was to work with a chart by using the techniques they had learned in the class.

Flipping through a magazine, senior friends Amanda Marcus, David Camahan and Danyel Porter pass the time away in hopes of seeing at Prom dresses. All three attended their senior Prom in May.

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Colophon

The yearbook was printed by Herff Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2345. 1,608 books were purchased in sales held between August and February and then again by credit card only in March between the prices of $39-$50. The cover of the book is white photograph with gloss lamination, black ink and gold foil stamp. The front and back endsheets and the first two flats in the signature are spot colored with Herff Jones Color HJ 960 Gold and all pages are printed on Bordeaux Special 100# paper stock.

The cover, end sheets, title page, opening, closing and divider pages were designed by Nicole Voges. The student life section was designed by Eric Salczynski, the clubs section by Amanda Grcevich, the sports section by Jessica Everhart, the academics section by Susan Huss, the people section by Sara Grudzien, and the ads section by Rebecca Amos. All copy on the opening, closing and dividers was written by Nicole Voges and the index was assembled by Josh Martin. All photos for the Year in Review spreads were obtained from the Associated Press.

The Reflector staff is a member of the Indiana High School Press Association and Quill and Scroll Society. As in past years, the staff won many local and national awards for their work. The Reflector was a runner-up for the Hoosier Star Award and received recognition at IHSPA State and JEA National Conventions, as well as at Ball State University's Journalism Day.

The goal of the yearbook staff was simple: finish the yearbook by the end of the school year with as few glitches as possible. No problem. The creation of the book all started in Muncie, IN at Ball State's Summer Journalism Workshops when Nicole Voges and Josh Martin developed the theme "Once in a Lifetime" after taking their theme development and new directions and innovations in yearbook design courses. The theme was then developed and perfected by the staff editors over the course of the year.

The book was created in the J-room using eight Power Macintosh 5300/100 LC and four Macintosh LCII computers, two LaserWriter 16/600 PS printers and two scanners, a UMAX Astra 1200S and an Apple OneScanner. The software used was Adobe PageMaker 5.0, Photo Shop and Claris Works 4.0. Fonts included in the theme sections were Cyclone and Klang MT, in the student life section Catchup, Palatino and Futura BT. Bold Condensed were used, in the clubs section Big Daddy, Amaze and Fritz were used, in the sports section Bodoni MT Ultra Bold and Nadianne were used, in the academic section New Berkeley and Arial were used, and in the people section Dragon Normal, Bookman Light and Amaze were used. All stories were written in Times and all captions were written in Blueprint.

All candid photos were shot by staff photographers on Kodak T-Max 400 and 3200 speed black and white and color film. Over 7,200 frames were shot by staff photographers. All student produced black and white photos were printed by the student photographers in the J-room dark room on Kodak Polycontrast III RC black and white paper. Team and group pictures and faculty and senior pictures were produced by Larry Vital, and all underclassmen pictures were produced by Inter-state Studios, Inc. All color pictures were developed by Dennis Swender Jr. at One Hour Moto Photo.

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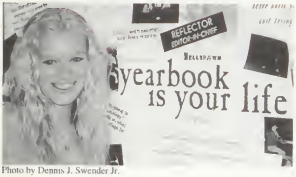

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